

## St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, WI

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

## **These Young Parishioners Recently Celebrated Reconciliation For The First Time! Alleluia!!!**

Ashlee Albrecht  
Alexandra Beimborn  
Maxwell Berres  
Myles Blakney  
Mason Brandes  
Skyler Campanelli  
Rosario Ciardo  
Molly Coady  
Carter Creasey  
Lexi Cross  
Grant Daniel  
Morgan DeHarde  
Emmersyn Doro  
Grace Dow  
Nicholas Dow  
Allison Eichmann  
Adam Eigner  
Andrew Eisenhauer  
Spencer Evers  
Adam Fantl  
Kate Fantl  
Sabrina Ferro  
Erik Frafjord  
Phillip Frafjord  
Joseph Ghelfi  
Jacob Greiten  
Ben Gumina  
Kathleen Gunville  
Nathaniel Hagen  
Aubrey Hamilton  
Ellie Heberer  
Stephanie Holtz  
Chad Holzem  
Jake Holzauer  
Abby Hubbell

Tate Hutchinson  
Maiya Jaworski  
Jordyn Jeffers  
Joey Kebis  
Kayla Kidman  
Eric Kohnert  
Connor Kramlich  
Elizabeth Kurucz  
Samuel Lailer  
Sydney Lex  
Kailey Lipske  
Jack Lockhart  
Brandon Lucas  
Bryce Melk-McCrary  
Brandon Meyer  
Morgan Middaugh  
Johnathan Molinski  
Trace Morrissey  
Samantha Oxley  
Hannah Pfersch  
Tanner Polaski  
Christian Porter  
Maggie Pulvermacher  
Emma Ratway  
Grant Reek  
Kailynn Reinhart  
Elana Reitz  
Sam Rock  
Grace Scharpf  
Tyler Scherer  
Allison Schmitt  
Samantha Schmitt  
Drew Schultz  
Allison Schwartz  
Alyssa Simons

Lauren Slavic  
Jennifer Spence  
Briana Stapelfeldt  
Cassie Stegner  
Olivia Stumpf  
Reagan Tallmadge  
Ashley Tarcin  
James Venn  
Hannah Wiese  
Claire Zeutzius  
Alexis Zuehlke



*December 6 2009*

**Scripture for the week of December 6, 2009**

6	<b>SUN</b>	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
7	<b>Mon</b>	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
8	<b>Tue</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
9	<b>Wed</b>	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
10	<b>Thu</b>	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
11	<b>Fri</b>	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
12	<b>Sat</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
13	<b>SUN</b>	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**Question of the Week:**

Sunday, December 6

Luke 3:1-6

- What "hill" do I need to make low in order to prepare a path for God in my life today?

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT ...****Monday, December 7**

8:00 am † Charlie Wagner (Donna Birkholz)

**Tuesday, December 8****Immaculate Conception**

8:00 am † Marylyn Etzel (Family)

6:00 pm In Memory of St. James Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 9**

8:00 am † Marilyn Hamann

(Lisa Ann &amp; Brian Davidson)

† Clarence &amp; Ottila Jaeger (S. Carol Ann)

**Friday, December 11**

8:00 am St. James Parishioners

**Saturday, December 12****(Sunday Liturgy)**

5:00 pm † Bernadine Berdoll (Gerald Berdoll &amp; Family)

† Mike &amp; Cecelia Wierl (Katie &amp; Vince Wierl)

**Sunday, December 13****Third Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am † Dale Bishop &amp; Yvonne Olson (Family)

† John Basele (Kathy &amp; Mike Gotthardt)

10:15 am † Beatrice Candell (Gary &amp; Lani Bremmer)

† Devin Michl (Lyons Family)

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Our Mass schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday, December 8th** is 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Both liturgies will be said in Church.



**Our annual Senior Club Christmas Party** will be on Friday, Dec. 18th. The doors will open at 11:00 am and the meal will be served at 12:00 pm. Entertainment follows the meeting and will start at 1:00 p.m. The price of the Christmas ticket is \$8.50 and for non-members, the price will be \$11.00. Members wishing to buy Christmas tickets can call Lou, our Treasurer at 262.389.8841. **The cut-off date will be December 11, 2009.**

**PEW VIEW****“Away in a manger...”**

Even before the first candle on the Advent wreath was lit someone asked the annual question, “Why can’t the crèche be in front of the altar this year?” It is a good question. I hope this reflection is helpful in answering the question.

The crèche is an object of devotion as well as a beautiful visual for teaching a major tenant of our faith. We usually approach the crèche reverently and are moved to privately reflect on the scene. A refrain of “Silent Night” plays softly in my head every time I gaze upon a nativity scene. I appreciate the reflective moment although the mood can be broken by pressing crowds or a child who wiggles between the legs of tall adults in order to get a better view. Then I realize, this is what Jesus was all about as crowds pressed in around him and children scampered for a blessing.

Thus, it is appropriate for the crèche to be displayed in an area that allows people some privacy but is also accessible enough that even those in a hurry or strolling past might want to pause and reflect upon the scene. Niches, coves, and the side altars of older churches provide this kind of place for the crèche. And St. James church is designed with two such niches, one on the east and another on the west. These niches are easily recognizable by their gabled “roof” designs which give the appearance of two smaller chapels located within the main body of our church.

For most of the year these two niches house small shrines – one with a statue of our Blessed Mother, the other with a statue of the Sacred Heart – both intended to be places for private devotion, reflection, and prayer and are appropriate places for the crèche.

The second reason to display the crèche in church is to use it as a teaching tool. The crèche should be low enough so that children can easily see it and be able to go “face-to-face” with the images. I personally remember the wide-eyed expression my own grandson had last year when at the age of three he almost walked into the nativity scene here at St. James. His eyes were filled with wonder and excitement as he had a personal encounter with the characters. This was much more exciting than looking at the small plaster statues on the credenza at home. He was not alone as other children jostled to get a good view of the sacred scene while parents helped to instill a sense of respect for what was portrayed on this holy spot.

Because the crèche was in its own easily accessible niche people could linger as long as they wished without feeling rushed and they could talk freely as they retold the Christmas story to their children. There was a “sacred messiness” to the gathering of faithful people around the manger which even now leads to strains of “O Come All Ye Faithful” playing in my head.

The decision to place the crèche in the side niche is done with great thought and respect for its devotional and catechetical purposes. In a few weeks, “Come, let us adore Him...” Until then, happy Advent.

**Daryl Olszewski ~ Pastoral Associate**

**JANUARY / FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the January / February newsletter is, **Monday, December 14th**. Please have all articles to me no later than 9:00 am. You can bring them to the parish office or you can email me at: [schmitzm@archmil.org](mailto:schmitzm@archmil.org).

*Michele*

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

In your December statements you received 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 13th**. (If I do not have the names by the 13th of December I cannot promise that the those you want remembered will be included in the Christmas bulletin—**this deadline date is different** from what was said in the December statements). We will print the names in a special insert 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.

**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.

**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 **everyone** 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.

**HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS ...**

We wish to thank all of the generous people who have made beautiful "Prayer Shawls" for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our parishioners who are seriously ill truly appreciate the gift of a shawl. They find it so comforting that someone has prayed for them while crocheting or knitting it. Many thanks to each of you.

If you are interested in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** please call **Karen Schroeder** at 246-1994.

Also, we have a very kind lady who helps me send cards to our parishioners who are homebound or living in a Nursing Home. Many thanks and blessings to her as well.

*Ann Sardegna, Parish Nurse*

**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:**

- For our December 25th Christmas Memorial Bulletin — all memorials **have to be in the office no later than Friday, December 11th** by noon. I have to send this bulletin no later than Tuesday the 15th to the publisher.
- 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**

Two more weeks to get your raffle tickets in. The drawing will take place on **Sunday—December 20th** after the 10:15 am Mass

## Prepare for the upcoming Sunday readings this Advent & Christmas season up to the Feast of John the Baptist on Jan. 10, 2010.

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

### "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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:tracy089@charter.net)



### Young Adult Advent Bible Study

If you are in your 20s or 30s, consider joining a Young Adult Bible Study! It'll be a great way to share and deepen your faith life with peers, whether you're married or single. Come to St. Agnes' Youth Room at 7:00PM on Tuesdays throughout Advent to reflect on the Scriptures and share in faith together. If you know a family member who might be interested, be sure to invite them! Contact Tom Jackson ([tjackso9@nd.edu](mailto:tjackso9@nd.edu)) if you are interested or have any questions.

### Theme Baskets at Holly Days Today

A new feature this year for Holly Days is the Theme Baskets. We have 40 beautiful baskets of different sizes and description for raffle. Be sure to come by to see all of them and to purchase your raffle tickets

### SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY FAVE FIVE

1. Ramen Noodles
2. Pudding /Jello
3. Seasonings & Condiments i.e.: salt, pepper, vanilla, cinnamon, Paprika, Mayo, ketchup, salad dressings etc
4. Diapers All Sizes
5. Bleach, laundry soap, dryer sheets, etc

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

We are Thankful for another successful Thanksgiving Dinner and to all who made this gathering possible. We had lots of wonderful Thanksgiving foods with enough leftover to share with both the Food Pantry and the Open Door Café thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of the Cooperating Churches of Sussex! We expected and served close to 375 seniors who thoroughly enjoyed the youth who served them a delicious meal with all the trimmings! Thank you to the 125 youth volunteers and 75 adult volunteers from the CCOS who helped in setting up for the dinner, serving, and cleaning up. We are appreciative of the time, service and smiles you shared. There are so many involved in making this dinner a success that it's absolutely amazing how in the end it all comes together. There is always more than enough food and more than enough help to hold this annual celebration in appreciation for the seniors of our community and all they've contributed over the years.

A special thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for their donation of \$100 towards this dinner.

### The dumpster for the Aluminum Can Drive is here through Sunday, December 6th!

We hope that you've saved your aluminum cans from your Thanksgiving celebrations. The dumpster is usually here Friday afternoon until around 7:00 am Monday morning. All proceeds are used as scholarship money for next Summer's mission trip to Kansas City, Kansas. Please keep in mind we ask that you do not drop off your aluminum cans once the dumpster has been removed so that the neighborhood raccoons in the area don't create a mess on the grounds. If you miss the dumpster this time, it will return on February 6th & 7th. We are grateful for your contributions and thank you for your support!

### 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.

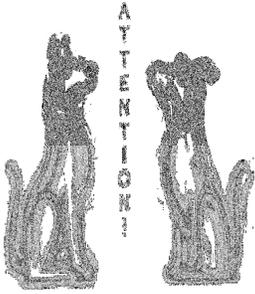
If you have any questions please call Shirley at 262-246-0553. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

### ATTN: GREETERS

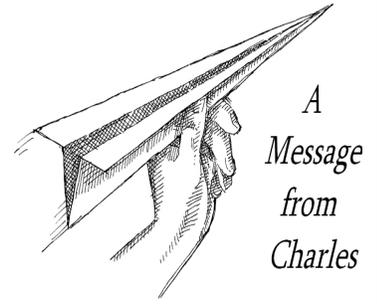
Any time off requests for the January - March schedule must be submitted to Lori Jansen by **December 14th**. Please email at [ljansen64@wi.rr.com](mailto:ljansen64@wi.rr.com) or call 262-246-5942.

Also, please consider serving for the various Christmas Masses. A sign up sheet will be located at the greeter station by 12/6/09.

## HANDICAP & SENIOR PARKING



Recently there was some concern about the usage of Handicapped and Senior Parking spaces. So in an effort to improve our parking situation we have increased the number of Handicapped spaces in the front and also on the west side of the church building. We've also moved the Senior Parking stalls from the front to the east side of the building. Currently four stalls located near the east stairwell are assigned as "Seniors Only Parking" stalls. We will continue to monitor the parking situation to see if more Senior stalls are needed in the future.



A  
Message  
from  
Charles

## *Thank You To Many People*

- We'd like to thank the **Frantl Family** and **Frantl Industries** for allowing us the use of their aerial lift truck. The lift allowed us to replace numerous burned out lights on the poles in our parking lot. Thank you to **Brian Frantl** for his dedication to St. James and for helping us save on the cost of renting that equipment.
- We must also thank another parishioner, **Roger Maurice** and his **9th grade Christian Formation students** who unselfishly took the time to supply and also put up Christmas lights around the entire outside of our facility. Thanks to Roger for the use of his lift equipment and trucks to complete that project.
- And finally thank you to **all those folks** (too many to name) who came in after Thanksgiving to decorate the church for this Advent season. All of you did a great job.

*Blessings to All of you.*

### **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 6th, 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.

### **DO YOU HAVE EXTRA CALENDARS?**

Are you starting to accumulate too many 2010 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.

### **A Musical Concert by The Wilsonaires**

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2:00 pm ~ Saint Adalbert Cemetery, Holy Family Chapel ~ 3801 South 6th Street, Milwaukee. **Questions:** 414-483-3663. The Wilsonaires will present a concert of sacred and secular music appropriate for the coming of Christ and this special time of the year. This annual special music concert is a way of remembering loved ones who have died during the season of family, faith and friendship. Come to remember the blessings of family at Christmas.

### **Lisbon Presbyterian Breakfast With Santa Claus**

All you can eat **Pancake Breakfast**  
Plus Complimentary Family Photo  
Cookies by the Pound Bake Sale  
Adults \$6.00 ~ Child \$3.00



Sunday, December 6, 2009. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lisbon Presbyterian Church — W250 N7095 Hillside Rd. Right before the corner of Hwy 164 and Good Hope Rd in Sussex.



### **Concert of Lessons and Carols**

The combined choirs of St. Anthony on the Lake in Pewaukee invite you to their annual Concert of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00PM. Admission is free and a light reception follows the concert. Join us! Venite Adoremus

### **DRIVER NEEDED -- PAID POSITION**

An 82 year old woman living in Bristle Court Apartments needs a driver for short errands to doctor appointments, shopping, etc. usually during weekday afternoons. The position pays \$12 per hour (nothing extra for mileage). Work totals 20 hours per month. Applicant must be a non-smoker and have a valid driver's license, insurance, and a vehicle that has a very clean interior (no dog or cat hair.) To apply call Alexandra at 246-0433.



## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, December 6

Aluminum Can Drive

8:00 am Holly Days (cafeteria & community center)

8:15 am CF classes. Grades K4-K5

Break Open the Word during Mass

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 7

6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11

7:00 pm RCIA (great room)

Music Practice (church)

### Tuesday, December 8

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

**8:00 am Holy Day Mass** (church)

8:30 am Bible Class (great room)

Day of Adoration (chapel)

5:00 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5

5:30 pm Holy Hour/Rosary (chapel)

**6:00 pm Holy Day Mass** (church)

6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5

7:00 pm Scripture Class (after Mass) (great room)

7:30 pm KC's Board meeting (rectory meeting room)

### Wednesday, December 9

11:30 am **Staff gathering (community center)**

**ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN  
THE AFTERNOON TODAY**

6:30 pm Practice for Eagle Scout Award (church)

Dartball (cafeteria)

7:00 pm AA meeting (room 5)

Parish Council meeting (great room)

St. Vincent de Paul meeting (community center)

### Thursday, December 10

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

5:30 pm Community Banquet (community center)

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #2893 meeting (cafeteria)

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

### Friday, December 11

5:30 pm Drop & Shop

### Saturday, December 12

9:00 am Drop & Shop

9:30 am Baptismal Prep Session (great room)

11:00 am Confessions (reconciliation room)

5:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening (great room)

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

6:30 pm Beyond Date Your mate  
(great room & gathering area)

### 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

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)

## Directory

### St. James Rectory—Parish Office—262-251-3944

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

### 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

### PARISH STAFF:

Administrative Office—251-3944

(Please listen to message for correct extension number)

Fr. Arthur Heinze, Pastor

Fr. Jerry Hudziak, Help-out

Daryl Olszewski, Pastoral Associate

Mike Rooney, Deacon

Barbara Schuelke, Pastoral Musician

Charles Davis, Business Administrator

Michele Schmitz—Parish Secretary

Bob Wodushek—Deacon

Christian Formation Center—251-0897

Sue Devine-Simon, Child Ministry, ext. 201

Sr. Carol Ann Jaeger, Adult & Family Ministry, ext. 203

Tracy Dereszynski, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, ext. 202

Diana Wyszowski, Secretary, ext. 200

Janet Block, Assistant Secretary, ext 204

Isaac Garcia, Catechetical Apprentice

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Ann Sardegna — Parish Nurse

Maintenance Department — 250-2660

John Bohdalik—Supervisor

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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