

The Matthew 25 Project

On Community...

It is our loving relationship with God that empowers us to reach out to others in our community. What is the greatest command? You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27) In this one sentence is the summation of all the commandments. (Rom 13:9) We were created by God to live in community and to love and care for each other.

Our Church teaches that how we use our resources, share in common the goods of creation, make community policy, and ultimately treat each other affects the human dignity and lives of others. We are our sisters and brothers keepers – one human family.

Concern for the Imprisoned

Sunday March 22nd – bring a small bible, other spiritual reading materials, bookmarks and reading glasses for the imprisoned.

Connect with Those in Need

Make and deliver Brown Bag Lunches to Repairers of the Breach on Fridays. Participate in Faith Sharing, offering tutoring services, or volunteer as a driver to transport homeless to special events. Contact Maureen Danfort 414-934-9305 at Repairers of the Breach. Work at the St Bens Concession Stand at the Bradley Center [fund raiser for St. Bens]

Contact Tom Bohmann [parish member coordinator] at 262-628-8323 for more information on participating in these programs

Wisdom for the Journey

Forgiveness and Restoring Justice with Fr. Art and Mary Kay Balchunis

As we forgive others, so will God forgive us, (Matt 6:15) but forgiving others or asking for forgiveness is not an easy task, especially when the pain is personal, long standing or involves the life of a loved one. Mary Kay Balchunis will join Fr. Art to share her story about the death of her son and her journey to forgiveness toward those who took his life. Sunday, March 29, 12:15 pm in the Cafeteria following the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast.

Scripture for the week of March 15, 2009

15	SUN	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
16	Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
17	Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
18	Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
19	Thu	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
20	Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
21	Sat	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
22	SUN	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Question for the Week:

Sunday, March 22 John 3:14-21

- When do you prefer darkness rather than the light of Christ in your life?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**Monday, March 16**

8:00 am † Jessie Ruffalo & Ed Skibbie
(Eleanor Skibbie)

Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick

8:00 am † Barb Gnadt (Elenor Knoebel)

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am † Deceased members of St. James Parish

Friday, March 20

8:00 am St. James Parishioners

Saturday, March 21**(Sunday Liturgy)**

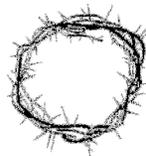
5:00 pm † Deceased members of St. James Parish

Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am † Jim Reimer (Family & Friends)

† Ray Schuster (Family)

10:15 am St. James Parishioners

**A SPECIAL STOP ON YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY****Evening Prayer:**

- **St. James**—Tuesdays 5:30 pm in the chapel
March 17th, 24th & 31st
- **Good Shepherd**—Sundays 6:00 pm
March 15th, 22nd & 29th

Evening Prayer (Vespers) is a 30 to 40 minute celebration. It includes light Psalms, scripture, incense, intercessions, song and reflection.

PEW VIEW

A recent respondent to the parish on-line survey stated that we need to hear more about the Ten Commandments. "They're commandments, not suggestions!" the person concluded. Well, reader, today you have them in the liturgy's first reading from Exodus 20:1-17.

Most of us learned the abbreviated "catechetical version" of the Ten Commandments. For instance, the third commandment is simply "Keep holy the Sabbath." However, the full text is: "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy."

Why did God rest? Certainly not from exhaustion for God is almighty! Perhaps God simply wanted to enjoy creation. It is a model for us mortals. On the sixth day God created humans and seemed to say, "Let's take a break, spend some time together, and get to know each other better."

Perhaps we can learn something from the first people to receive the Ten Commandments, the Jews, and how they "keep holy the sabbath." Orthodox Jews begin the observance on Friday evening with a meal and perhaps attendance at the synagogue for prayer. No work is done on the sabbath. Nothing. Meals are prepared in advance; no electrical circuits are made (no electric lights, no phones, no computers, no TV, no cars, etc.) Travel on foot is limited to about a mile. So, what do they do?

Sabbath is a time to truly rest. It is also a time for family interactions, conversation, reading (no homework), playing games as a family (no Wii), and for making love. Certainly extremism in observance is to be avoided and was criticized by Jesus. Vital healthcare and emergency services are still maintained.

Imagine Christians truly "keeping holy our Sunday Sabbath." Saturday evening Mass would begin the sabbath and we'd have to live closer to our church. There'd be no Christian Formation classes on Sunday; no breakfast at a favorite restaurant; no kids' basketball or soccer games; no Sunday afternoon professional sports (yup, even baseball!); and no grocery shopping or trips to the mall. People would do what God did – rest and enjoy each other. They would communicate, talk, share stories, play with each other, interact, and enjoy each other. In short, people would renew their relationships with each other and with God.

Some might say, "Pewster, you're off the deep end now!" Maybe. But are the Ten Commandments "commandments" or "suggestions?" If we make exceptions for this third commandment might we not be tempted to do the same for the other nine? Read Exodus 20:1-17. Commandments or suggestions?

Daryl Olszewski
Pastoral Associate



After reading this article, please pass it on to a friend who might be interested.

An Invitation to Non-Practicing Catholics ~ The Church has changed and you may not know it! Has it been awhile since you've been to Church? Are you mad at the Church or at God? Please give us, and yourself another chance. Join us for informal sessions for non-practicing Catholics. We would like to know your feelings and try to address your questions.

The Four Saints and Good Shepherd cluster Parishes in the Menomonee Falls/Butler area are offering informal weekly sessions called "**Catholics Returning Home.**" The sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on six consecutive Thursday evenings beginning April 23, 2009, at Saint Agnes Parish. For more information call Laverne (262) 251-3968 or Shirley (262) 251-3888.

ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

It is time 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, March 18, 2009**. 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.**

LAST WEEK AT MATTHEW 25...

Thanks to the generous donations from the people of St. James, five carloads of juice, formula, and water were delivered to the Sussex Food Pantry; two carloads of food and juice were taken to the pantry of our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres; two carloads of water were designated for Repairers of the Breach; and one carload of coffee, cups, teas, and so forth went to Hebron House. Wow!

WI RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER/AUCTION

Celebrate life by attending **Wisconsin Right to Life's Annual Education Fund Dinner and Auction Gala, Thursday, April 2, 2009**, at the Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee. Auction opens at 5:00 p.m.; Black tie optional. Reservations are \$65 per person and \$600 per table of 10. Our special guest speaker is Bobby Schindler, Jr., brother of Terri Schiavo, who died of starvation and dehydration on March 31, 2005. Bobby honors the memory of his sister and shares his concerns and desires for a more compassionate society. Call Janna, locally at: 414-778-5780, or toll free at 877-855-5007, to make your reservation. (View selected auction items at our website: <http://www.wrtl.org/auction/>)

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR NEXT WEEK...

I am still on vacation until March 23rd. Mary will be typing the bulletin for Sunday, March 22nd. Please have all articles to Mary, **no later than Monday**, March 16th for Sunday, March 22nd

You can get the articles to Mary by bringing them into the parish office, placing them in a plain envelope with the words "Attention: Mary" or you can email her at my address schmitzm@archmil.org. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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LENTEN JOURNEY

You are invited for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:15 pm in the Church. Join us as we journey around the Church, praying, reflecting and connecting our lives to Jesus. The Stations should last around 45 minutes. All are welcome!

ST. JAMES SENIOR CLUB

The St. James Senior Club meeting will be held on March 20th at St. James Church. The **Spring Fling** will be held at this meeting. Tickets can be purchased for \$3.00 by calling Lou, our Treasurer, at 262-389-8841 before March 13th. Hope to see you at Spring Fling! Please check in at 11:00 am.

HEALTH MINISTRY

On Thursday, March 19th, there will be a meeting for all blood pressure screeners at 7:00 pm in the Great Room. If you cannot attend, please call Ann, Parish Nurse, at 262-250-2663.

Celebrating Archbishop Dolan's Ministry

To celebrate Archbishop Dolan's dedicated ministry during his time in southeastern Wisconsin and bid him a fond farewell as he now begins his new ministry as shepherd of the Faithful in New York, we have planned an archdiocesan farewell event: Sunday, March 29, 2pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with a special invitation for our parish directors, lay pastoral staff, volunteer parish leaders and any of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

ST. BONIFACE RUMMAGE SALE

St. Boniface parish in Germantown will hold its Spring Indoor Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, April 17th from 9am to 7pm. The \$2 bag sale will start at 6pm. Food will be available during the sale hours. Please make your plans now to take advantage of the great deals.

Teddy Bear Drive

One of our sixth grade CF classes at St. James, headed by their teacher Erin Boyd, is sponsoring a **Teddy Bear Drive**. They are accepting all new and gently used teddy bears from now until Thursday March 19th. Drop off in the church by the food pantry donation center. The teddy bears will be going to the Sussex Fire Department and they will distribute them to families in need.



Fasting with Friends

What a great start to Lent! Over 200 people enjoyed a simple meal with their parish family. Thank you to all the soup makers, the vegetable donators, and the servers. Thanks too for the monetary donations. We collected over \$250.00 for Operation Rice Bowl. So many people came together to make this a wonderful event.

Calling all Prayers!

The children in the CF program have a special place where they are putting their prayer intentions this Lent... **"The Prayer Wall"**. It is located in the hallway of the school building. Please join us in praying for the needs and concerns of the children in the CF programs, as well as, the needs of our world. *"Rich is the person who has a praying friend."*



~Janice Hughes~

Easter Egg Drive

Marissa Lastrilla and Mariah Bazile, of Girl Scout Troop #2569, are collecting Easter Egg coloring kits, and money for eggs, to donate to the Sussex Food Pantry. This is part of their service project for the Bronze Award. They are collecting these items the week ends of March 21/22 and 28/29th. Donation Boxes will be set up in the gathering space and at Music Dynamics in Sussex beginning next week end. The girls will be present after all the masses on the week end of March 28/29th to accept your donations or to tell you more about their project. For more information feel free to call Jill Bazile at 262-691-7695. Thank you for helping out!



CATHOLIC MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for the **Lucky Crusader Sweepstakes** (Lic. # R0001058A-83400) are available at the CMH Spirit Shop, Mon.-Fri. from 9 AM-3 PM. First prize is \$10,000!! Raffle tickets are \$20 each, 3 for \$50 or 6 for \$100! Due to gaming restrictions, we are unable to sell raffle tickets via US Mail or by telephone. All proceeds go toward the Tuition Assistance Fund for CMH students! Drawing will be held March 21, 2009 at the Crusader Auction (need not be present to win). Questions? Contact Monica Fleming, Assistant Development Director at 262-542-7101, ext. 220 or mfleming@catholicmemorial.net. CMH Spirit Shop is located near the CMH main lobby at 601 E College Ave., Waukesha, WI. www.catholicmemorial.net

WISCONSIN STUDENTS FOR LIFE 2009 CONFERENCE

Come show your support at the Wisconsin Students for Life 2009 Conference on March 28th from 10 am to 5 pm at Carroll University in Waukesha. To register or for a complete schedule go to carrollstudentsforlife@gmail.com. Cost is \$10 before March 14th and \$15 at the door. Cost includes brunch. Open to all high school students, college students and adults!

Centering Prayer During Lent

You are invited to Centering Prayer on Wednesdays at Good Shepherd parish, N88W17658 W. Christman Rd.. This is a wonderful Lenten prayer practice. The weekly Centering Prayer gatherings are held at 7 p.m. in Room 200.

Experience the loving presence of God during this time of silent prayer, letting go of your thoughts, worries and concerns. We will also spend some time reflecting on the Lenten Gospel readings. If you have any questions about Centering Prayer, please call Mary Ann Erdtmann, 414-353-8740.

Knights of Columbus Selling Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their annual raffle tickets this weekend and next weekend. Stop in the gathering area after Mass and buy your winning ticket from one of the KC volunteers.

It Was A Good Time ... It Was A Great Time ...

And it all began with a short memorial prayer and communion service held by our Pastoral Associate, Daryl Olszewski.

Each year the Blue & Gold Dartball League (District 5) holds an annual "Smoker" and this year the St. James Dartball Team was selected to host this special event.

After the memorial service, a hot lunch was served followed by an active evening of fun, card playing, companionship and raffles.

With over 60 generous and eager members present and loaded with a wide variety and attractive collection of raffle items, a very successful "Smoker" was held.

Special **THANKS** to the many loyal St. James supporters for their graciously donated raffle items toward this cause, and to those who made this occasion the total success that it was.

On behalf of the St. James Dartball Team, \$500.00 was donated toward the St. James Building Fund.

Sincerely,
The St. James Dartball Team



SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY FAVE FIVE

1. Feminine products (All kinds)
2. Flavored noodles
3. Spaghetti sauce
4. Manwich
5. Boxed mashed potatoes

These are the items they are completely out of at this time. Thank you for your donations.

The Catholic-Jewish Conference of Milwaukee

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Isaiah 53: The Suffering Servant *A Shared Text Study*

Please join us for the second session of a two-part Catholic-Jewish text study. **Dr. Sherry Blumberg** and **Dr. Richard Lux** will lead participants on an in-depth exploration of Isaiah 53 and how Catholics and Jews have traditionally interpreted this passage from the book of Prophets.

Sunday, March 29
2:30 – 4:30 PM
Lumen Christi Parish
2700 W. Mequon Road
Mequon, WI

Dr. Sherry Blumberg is the current Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning at Congregation Sinai in Fox Point, WI as well as an adjunct faculty member at UWM and the Sacred Heart School of Theology. She holds a Masters and Ph.D. in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College. She has been active in Jewish education for over 30 years, serving as college professor, curriculum consultant and a founder of the Jewish Family Education movement. Dr. Blumberg was one of the very first educators in the country to receive accreditation as a "Reform Jewish Educator." She has authored, edited and contributed to numerous publications, including the newly released "*Torah: A Women's Commentary*."

Dr. Richard Lux is Professor of Scripture Studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI where he teaches Hebrew Scriptures and Pauline Literature. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. Active in Catholic-Jewish Relations for over 30 years, Dr. Lux lectures and publishes widely on Christian-Jewish topics. He has led several interfaith missions to the Holy Land and has studied at the Shalom Hartman Institute and Tantur Ecumenical Institute, both in Jerusalem. Dr. Lux has recently completed a book on the Jewish people, the Holy Land and the State of Israel.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MARCH 29th PROGRAM HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A NEW LOCATION. IT WILL BE HELD AT CONGREGATION SINAI, 8223 N. PORT WASHINGTON ROAD, MILWAUKEE, WI 53217, 2:30-4:30 PM. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 414-390-5781.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 15

Teddy Bear Drive by 6th Grade CF class
(gathering area)
KC selling Charity 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
- 9:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5
- 11:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5
RCIA Mini-retreat (community center)
- 12:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #2095 meeting (room 7)
- 4:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-11
Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

Monday, March 16

- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-10
- 7:00 pm RCIA (great room)
Music Practice (church)

Tuesday, March 17

- 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)
- 10:00 am CCOS meeting (great room)
- 5:00 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (chapel)
- 6:00 pm Scripture Class (great room)
- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 am Lenten Series (great room)
- 4:00 pm **Leave for St. Ben's Meal Program**
- 6:00 pm Dartball (cafeteria)
- 7:00 pm Music practice (church)

Thursday, March 19

- 9:00 am Senior Bible Class (great room)
- 5:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation dinner for Community
dinner volunteers (community center)

Friday, March 20

- 11:30 am St. James Senior Club Spring Fling (cafeteria)

Saturday, March 21

- 11:00 am Confessions (reconciliation room)
- 5:00 pm KC selling Charity Raffle tickets

Sunday, March 22

KC selling Charity Raffle tickets after both
Masses (gathering area)

- 8:15 am CF classes. K4/K5
Break Open the Word during Mass
- 9:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5
- 11:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5
- 4:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-10
- 6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 6-10
Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

St Charles Fish Fry

St. Charles Parish School in Hartland will be serving its famous fish fry on March 20 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Dinner is all you can eat** breaded codfish fillet, french fries or baked potato, potato pancakes, homemade coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and beverage. Grilled cheese sandwich plate is also available. Cost is \$9.75 for adults, \$6 for ages 3 to 12, and free for kids under 3. Senior citizens eat for \$1 off between the hours of 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available. **We hope to see you there!**

Directory

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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—251-3944
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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

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MISSION STATEMENT

To Be a Welcoming, Catholic, Faith Community Seeking to Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ