

*St. James Parish
Menomonee Falls, WI*

*Whoever loves his life loses it, and
whoever hates his life in this world will
preserve it for eternal life. John 12:25 (NAB)*

March 29, 2009

Clothing the Naked – Sunday, April 5

“I was naked and you clothed me” – Jesus in Matt 25:35

It is often easy to make judgments about people we don't know by using our own yard stick of experience. We may conclude, if I can clothe myself and my family, why can't they? It is easier to walk a mile in the shoes of someone who is just like us. It is much harder and less comfortable to sit at table with people who we think are different; but if we take the time to meet others face to face – to hear their story, we can choose to come to a greater understanding of our similarities and of the circumstances that create hardship. How can we challenge ourselves to reach out to others?

Our Church teaches that God's creation, the world, is given to all people to share, so all people can live in peace with justice and dignity.

Matthew 25 – Clothing the Naked

Sunday April 5^t ~ Clean out the closets and bring gently used winter items to the "Bundle Sunday" drive to be held next weekend. Bring items to the St. Vincent de Paul truck, which will be parked in the parking lot, or bring items inside to the bin in the gathering area. (Save all other items for the St. James Thrift Sale collection in May.)

Connect with Those in Need

Catholic Relief Services [CRS] – a real story behind the Rice Bowls with Thomas Awiapo on April 1st at 7:15 pm at Mother of Good Council (6924 West Lisbon Ave - church hall). Thomas is from Ghana and works for CRS. He will share his story of life in his home country, being orphaned, barely surviving and how CRS helped him to become educated and able to give back to society. His inspirational story and profound message is worth hearing.

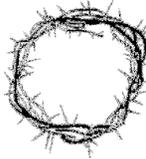
Wisdom for the Journey

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

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 Balchunas 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. Child care will be offered - please call the CF office to schedule at 251-0897.

Scripture for the week of March 29, 2009

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| 29 | SUN | Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35) or, for Year A, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 |
| 30 | Mon | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 |
| 31 | Tue | Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 |
| 1 | Wed | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 |
| 2 | Thu | Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 |
| 3 | Fri | Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 |
| 4 | Sat | Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 |
| 5 | SUN | Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**Monday, March 30**

8:00 am † Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wierl
(Katie & Vince Wierl)

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am For St. James Parishioners

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am † Marilyn Hamann (Noreen Callan)

Friday, April 3

8:00 am † Thomas Gallina (Dolores Miller)
† John Dickman (Jean Dickman)

Saturday, April 4**(Sunday Liturgy)**

5:00 pm † Dorothy O'Konek (Richard O'Konek)
† Angie LeTendre (LeTendre Family)

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:15 am † William H. Claas (Ervin & Joan Claas)
† Denis & Norman Knetzger (Nola Knetzger)
10:15 am † Leipzig Family (Tom & Catherine Leipzig)
† Mary Lou Voege (Bill Voege)

LAST WEEK OF VESPERS**Evening Prayer:**

- **St. James**—Tuesdays 5:30 pm in the chapel ~ March 31st
- **Good Shepherd**—Sundays 6:00 pm ~ March 29th

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

COLLATORS NEEDED:

We will be collating our April statements this coming **Monday, March 30th**. If you can help please join us in the cafeteria at 8:30 am.

We have to get these statements out early next week, so please if you can give us even just one hour of your time on Monday, it would be great.

PEW VIEW**MATTHEW 25:36**

Next weekend we conclude our Lenten "Matthew 25 Project" by responding to the corporal work of clothing the naked. The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot to accept donations of gently used clothing for "Bundle Sunday." We ask that for this drive you consider only giving winter clothing. Spring is here and as you clean the closets please donate the winter garments that we hope will no longer be needed this season.

What about other clothing or household items? Please save those for our parish "Thrift Sale" collection in May. (Unsold items from the Thrift Sale are ultimately donated to St. Vincent de Paul anyway.)

All St. Vincent de Paul items are taken to the Vincentian store in Waukesha. Items are sold in the store to the public and the proceeds are used to support the work of the society. When parish Vincentians make home visits needy clients are given a "voucher" to shop at the store without charge. This provides a dignified way for clients to obtain appropriate items. Know that either through public sales or client vouchers your donations benefit the poor.

Winter clothing items may be brought directly to the truck or to the bins in the gathering area next weekend. Parish Vincentians will be available to assist you. Winter items only. Save the rest for the parish Thrift Sale if possible.

If you have large household items such as appliances, which you would like to donate to St. Vincent de Paul, please call 262-547-3281 to arrange for a pick-up.

And, as always, the parish SVdP conference appreciates monetary donations. Please use the special envelopes found in the acrylic holders at the entrances for your donation. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MATTHEW 25:21

Pat Knuth, the coordinator of the G.I.F.T. program and previous pastoral associate here at St. James, has announced that she will retire this coming Tuesday. Pat has contributed greatly to the emergence of professional lay ministry in the Archdiocese.

As her children entered adulthood, Pat moved from a business career and entered formal ministry first as a Director of Religious Education, then as one of the first Parish Directors in the Archdiocese, and then as a Pastoral Associate here at St. James. Along the way she obtained a Master's degree from St. Francis Seminary and was instrumental in forming P.A.M.A., (the Pastoral Associates of the Milwaukee Archdiocese) a professional group that supports and continues to educate lay leaders. In her years of service at St. James Pat has inspired and led many parishioners to a deeper participation in the life of the Church.

Pat's retirement comes as she mourns the passing of her mother, Laura Bridgeman, last week. As the parish and staff extend our prayerful support to Pat at the loss of her mother we also extend our gratitude and best wishes as she moves into what will no doubt be a full and active retirement.

Daryl Olszewski
Pastoral Associate

COMMUNAL CONFESSIONS

To help prepare for Easter the Four Saints and A Good Shepherd Cluster Parishes will have one more Communal Reconciliation Services, which will take place on:

- Saturday, April 4th here at St. James at 10:30 am in church

ACOLYTES & DISTRIBUTORS

SCHEDULES ARE READY
 They were mailed out this week to all those who normally pick them up at the Distributor station.
 If you are on email your schedule was sent out on March 21st.

CAN YOU HELP PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER?

Please consider taking time out of your busy schedules to help prepare the church for Easter. We will need a lot of hands (and legs) to help with all of the hanging of baskets, banners, and fabric for Easter weekend. If you can stay after the Good Friday service on April 10th, we will begin decorating approximately 3:00 pm. We will be hopping! If you have any questions please call (414-840-0797) or e-mail (niaoaks@aol.com)
 Thank-you! Lori Gryszkiewicz

Next Weekend April 4th & 5th is Fellowship

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit, after Mass, with old and new friends while enjoying some delicious bakery and treats.

Families whose last names start with
 K thru M

are on the docket to bring the treats; bakery or cheese, sausage and crackers; etc.

Those of you, who would like to bring something every month, bless you and please do. If you are going to be out of town when it's your turn, please feel free to bring something either the month before or after.

We can never have too much bakery

FAVE FIVE FOR SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY

1. Baby Cereal
2. Kleenex
3. Jelly
4. Pancake Mix/Syrup
5. Flavored Rice

Bonus Item:

- Baby wipes



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

An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics

~ If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by some former non-practicing Catholics. No strings attached!

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

Holy Thursday Bread & Wine Fellowship

Remember our Holy Thursday Fellowship following the Christ Mass, **Thursday April 9th**.



Help us break bread and share as Jesus did with his disciples by joining us in this bread and wine fellowship. We are looking for parishioners attending this service to help us in bringing: bottles of wine, assorted breads, mini sandwiches, cheese, sausage and crackers, pretzels and such. Just drop off in the fellowship area before mass that night. Thank you.

The Activities Committee

HEALTH MINISTRY ...

We will celebrate **Anointing of the Sick** on **Friday, April 3rd, 2009** at the 8:00 am Mass in church. **All Are Welcome!**



If you are preparing for surgery, undergoing treatment or have other medical issues, please come to share in celebrating this Sacrament.

Call Michele (251-3944) if you have any questions or if you cannot come to church and would like Father Art to come to your home to anoint you..

MINI-WORKCAMP 2009 IS ALMOST HERE!!!

When: Saturday, April 25th

Where: Begins and ends at Christ Our Savior on Silver Spring next door to Templeton Middle School
This service is provided by: The Cooperating Churches of Sussex

Mini-Workcamp Applications are now available! Applications can be picked up either at the "Information Booth" *OR* from the Christian Formation Office for those area senior citizens interested in receiving help with some Spring Clean Up projects on April 25th. **YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR THIS ASSISTANCE** and mail it to Greg Zyla as indicated on this form. If you participated last year in Mini-Workcamp you may have already received an application by mail.

Applications are also available for those adults and youth (*grades 7 and up*) who would like to help provide their help at Mini-Workcamp. There is a small fee involved which helps to cover the 3 meals provided that day as well as a t-shirt with our logo and sponsors.

Mini-Workcamp is a wonderful experience for both those who provide this service and the residents who can use the help, so we hope you can join us on April 25th. The registration deadline is April 10th for all applications. Call Diana, at the Christian Formation Office at 251-0897 ext. 200 for more information.

Aluminum Can Drive

The dumpster will be here once again on Friday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 5th. We would greatly appreciate your donation of aluminum cans. Monies raised from the donations will be used to help support our youth and adults who will be going on the Summer mission trip to Delbarton, West Virginia. Please do not drop off cans prior to having the dumpster here as God's creatures tend to get into them and scatter cans around the grounds. Thank you as always for your support.



Last Friday for the STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited for the Stations of the Cross this coming Friday, **April 3rd** 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!

OUR BEAUTIFUL GREEN PLANTS

We would like to thank **Katie & Vince Wierl** for their wonderful attention to the green plants in our church. For the past three years our plants have looked beautiful for our worship because of their kind attention and faithfulness to watering.



It is time for someone else to answer this call to serve. Two or three people being in charge of this ministry would be even better. Since we opened our doors at the Easter Vigil in 1999, God's faithful people have always answered this call.

Please consider being a part of this most important and necessary ministry. And thanks again Katie & Vince.

Call Barb at 251-3944, ext. 101 for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

**April 6, 2009 ~ 10:00 am
Classroom K**

Ann Sardegna, Parish Nurse and Toni Barr will be available to meet with those interested in serving on the prayer shawl committee. Please meet with us in Classroom K on April 6th at 10:00 am.

We will be discussing our prayer shawl needs; such as children's shawls, men's lap robes and the future of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For more information you may call **Toni Barr** at 262-820-0475. Thank you.

Spring Seminary Open House!

You are invited to meet the priests of tomorrow ... today! Explore the beautiful Seminary grounds, meet your future priests, find out more about Seminary life and take a guided tour with your family or group. Confirmation and religious education groups, vocations teams, seniors, families -- all are invited!

Sunday, April 26

Saint Francis de Sales Seminary
3257 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis
(On the lakefront.)

1 pm – 3 pm. Tours and Refreshments

If you are leading a group tour, please RSVP to the Seminary at 414-747-6433.

WANT TO BE A PART OF A NEW MINISTRY HERE AT ST. JAMES?

We are starting an exciting new Ministry here at St. James; it is our **AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY**. If you are interested in helping or being a part of this, very important committee, please call Charles in the parish office at 251-3944. Charles will explain this in more detail.

St Charles Fish Fry

St. Charles Parish School in Hartland will be serving its famous fish fry on April 3 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!



Mini-Course on the Experience of God

Experience of God in the Ordinary with Fr. Jose Eluvathingal, Tues. through Thurs., April 21-23 at Good Shepherd Church, N88 W17658 Christman Road, church hall - 7-8:30 p.m. This mini-course will include an Introduction and Experiencing God in Creation and the Incarnation. Fr. Jose, a member of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, is a teacher, spiritual director, psychotherapist and editor.



Spiritual Mentoring Program

Casa Romero Renewal Center invites you to learn
The Art of Christian Companionship

in a two-year certificate program beginning again in September 2009
offering CEU's through Cardinal Stritch University

The mission of the *Spiritual Mentoring Program* is to form and equip persons to be faithful in their spiritual walk and to become true companions to others, to become adept in discerning the movement of the spirit, as one journeys and lives out their relationship with God.

This program is designed for:

- * Those who seek to integrate their spiritual journey within their daily lives.
- * Those who desire to serve God as a listening presence with others.
- * Those called to be a spiritual companion with others.
- * Those called to serve in parish ministries.
- * Those seeking an ongoing formation opportunity.

For more information, please call Casa Romero at (414) 224-7564, email us at casaromero@wi.rr.com or visit our website at www.casaromero.org

125 Homes and Counting!

So far, 125 seniors and adults with disabilities have requested Spring Yard Clean Up from Interfaith Senior Programs during the month of May, and we will continue to take requests until the end of March. Individuals, families, and congregation groups are needed to rake winter debris, wash outdoor windows, clean gutters, install screens, trim bushes, etc. for neighbors in your community. Volunteers choose the time and date to volunteer. To volunteer, visit our website at www.interfaithwaukesha.org to download a volunteer sign up form, or contact Carrie Lee Anderson at (262) 549-3348 X228 or carleleea@interfaithwaukesha.org.

ANNUAL FUND RAISING DINNER

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/>)



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 29

St. James Scouts & Girl Scout Cookie Sale
(gathering area)

8:00 am **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

8:15 am CF classes. 4K/5K

Break Open the Word during Mass

9:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5

11:30 am CF classes. Grades 1-5

Restorative Justice Talk (cafeteria)

4:30 pm CF large group meeting. Grades 6-11

6:30 pm CF large group meeting. Grades 6-11

Boy Scout meeting (cafeteria)

Monday, March 30

8:30 am **Collating April Statements** (cafeteria)

7:00 pm RCIA (great room)

Tuesday, March 31

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 Scripture Class (great room)

6:30 pm CF classes. Grades 1-5

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 am Lenten Series (great room)

7:00 pm All Committee meeting night

Thursday, April 2

9:00 am Senior Bible Study (great room)

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

6:30 pm Pack #175 Committee meeting (room 8)

7:00 pm Make-up Adult Confirmation Class (great room)

Friday, April 3

9:00 am S.O.A.L. Program

3:30 pm **Take Down Lenten Decorations (church)**

5:30 pm Grade 4 & 5 Retreat (community center)

Saturday, April 4

10:00 am Jesus Brings New Life (cafeteria)

10:30 am Cluster Reconciliation at St. James (church)

5:00 pm Activities Committee Selling Ladies Night Out
Tickets (gathering area)

Fellowship Weekend (gathering area)

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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

Fr. Arthur Heinze, Pastor, ext. 105

Fr. Jerry Hudziak, Help-out

Daryl Olszewski, Pastoral Associate, ext. 104

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Barbara Schuelke, Pastoral Musician, ext. 101

Charles Davis, Business Administrator, ext. 103

Michele Schmitz—Parish Secretary, ext. 100

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Tracy Dereszynski, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, ext. 202

Patricia Knuth, G.I.F.T. Coordinator, 251-3944 ext 108

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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

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MISSION STATEMENT

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