

St. James Parish
March/April 2012 Newsletter

His *compassions*
never fail.

They are new every morning;

great is your
faithfulness!

Lamentations 3:22-23



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BULLETIN INSERT

Sweeping HHS Mandate Stands, Violating Conscience Rights and Religious Liberty Congress Must Act to Fix the Problem

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The exemption provided for "religious employers" was so narrow that it failed to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations—including Catholic hospitals, universities, and charities—that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus and his disciples would have qualified for the exemption, because it excludes those who mainly serve people of another faith.

On February 10, the Obama Administration made this rule final "without change"; delayed enforcement for a year against religious non-profits that were still not exempted (our charities, hospitals, and colleges); and promised to develop more regulations to "accommodate" them by the end of that additional year. But, as explained below, that promised "accommodation" still forces them to pay for "services" that violate their religious convictions.

The original rule that violated our religious liberty so severely has not been changed, but finalized.

After touting meaningful changes in the mandate, HHS instead finalized the original rule that was first issued in August 2011 "without change." So the offensive definition of "religious employer"—which excludes our charities, hospitals, and colleges because they serve people of other faiths—is still in place, and those institutions are still subject to the mandate.

HHS has promised some kind of "accommodation," but only after the election.

HHS said it would take an additional year to develop more regulations to "accommodate" religiously-affiliated charities, schools, and hospitals that still fall outside the "religious employer" exemption. The impact of these additional rules will not be felt until after the election, the only point of public accountability for the Executive Branch. This eliminates an important incentive for HHS to provide the best protection for religious liberty

The promised "accommodation"—even at its best—would still force our institutions to violate their beliefs.

Under the proposed "accommodation," if an employee of these religious institutions wants coverage of contraception or sterilization directly from the insurer, the objecting employer is still forced to pay for it as a part of the employer's insurance plan. Since there is no other source, the funds to pay for that coverage must come from the premiums of the employer and fellow employees, even those who object in conscience.

There is no exemption for objecting insurers, secular employers, for-profit religious employers, or individuals.

The U.S. bishops defend religious liberty for all, and so have repeatedly identified all the stakeholders in the process whose religious freedom is threatened by the mandate—all employers, insurers, and individuals, not just religious employers. Now, all insurers, including self-insurers, must provide the coverage to any employee who wants it. In turn, all individuals who pay premiums have no escape from subsidizing that coverage. And only employers that are both non-profit and religious may qualify for the limited "accommodation."

We urgently need legislation to correct the mandate's threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the market for health insurance "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

ACTION: Contact your U.S. Representative by e-mail, phone, or FAX letter:

- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Send your email to Congress through www.usccb.org/conscience.
- Additional contact info can be found on Members' web sites at: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE: "Please co-sponsor and support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). The Obama administration's decision to mandate coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected."

WHEN: Now is the time to build co-sponsors and support. Please act today! Thanks!

LENT

Help the Pungwe Family in Tanzania

Please consider assisting the Pungwe family in Tanzania during Lent. Elizabeth Pungwe is raising her three children alone following the death of her husband in 2008. Sister Angela Lyapa, a Medical Mission Sister, asks our help to raise funds for Elizabeth's poultry farm and to put her children through school. St. James families could consider asking family, friends and neighbors if they can do simple household chores in exchange for donations for this family. Change and donations can be put in the "Help the Pungwe Family in Tanzania" jar in the Christian Formation Office during Lent. Thank you!

Catholicism Series

St. James Parish will host a showing of the new "Catholicism" DVD series on Tuesday nights, beginning on Feb. 28th. The sessions will run from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Great Room. Dates are Feb. 28; March 6, 13, 20 and 27; April 17 and 24; May 1, 8, 15. There is no charge but please register so we can plan accordingly. Contact Peg Flahive at 262-253-2915 or email flahivep@archmil.org by Feb. 24th to register.

For Lenten Prayer and Reflection

Vespers will be on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** during Lent in the church. Please consider joining us.



ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL EVERY TUESDAY

8:30 AM—6:30 PM

Please consider joining us for prayer.

"Have a Little Faith" Lenten book discussion

Looking for an inspiring discussion about matters of faith? "Have a Little Faith: A True Story" by Mitch Albom will be the featured book for our discussion on these MONDAY mornings from 9:00-10:15 a.m.: Feb. 27, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26. Those who were born into faith, have lost faith, or are still searching, will be engaged and challenged by this powerful story of finding faith in relationships with others and with something greater than ourselves. You will need to purchase your own book at a local bookstore, on amazon.com or download it to your Kindle or Nook. There is no charge for attending this series, but we will welcome donations for the "Help the Pungwe Family in Tanzania" project at St. James. Please register with Peg Flahive, flahivep@archmil.org or call 262-253-2915. The discussion will be held in the Christian Formation building, Room 2. There is the possibility of childcare if it is needed.



Lenten Lunch Break

Are you looking for a way to dig into scripture a little bit deeper during Lent.

Why not join Mark & John (the Gospel writers) At Christ our Savior during Lent. We'll gather from about 12:10pm-12:45pm, share a light meal and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. We'll meet on Tuesday's starting Feb. 21st and continuing thru Holy Week (April 3rd) .

If you work in the downtown area the same lunch break will be offered on Wednesdays at the Cathedral.

If you have questions, contact Tracy at St. James, Menomonee Falls 262-253-2908 or dereszynskit@archmil.org Remember to BYO Bible

Lent is fast approaching!

Are you still looking for a spiritual enrichment opportunity for the women of your parish? Consider joining us at *Firstfruits*. *Firstfruits* are a feast of spiritual opportunities for women and have been providing monthly retreat days at St. Anthony on the Lake Parish in Pewaukee since September. The interest and attendance keeps growing so we are branching out! Future *Firstfruits* Dates:

February 21st St. Anthony on the Lake Parish-Pewaukee
March 13th St. Anthony on the Lake Parish –Pewaukee
March 28th Christ King Parish-Wauwatosa
April 17th St. Anthony on the Lake-Pewaukee
April 26th St. Alphonsus Parish-Greendale
May 15th St. Anthony on the Lake-Pewaukee

For more information on *Firstfruits* go to www.firstfruits.info or contact Joan Carey at Joan-Carey@firstfruits.info or 262-821-1013; or Kathie Amidei at amideik@stanthony.cc. **Hope you can join us!**

Friday Stations of the Cross

Parish families are invited to lead the Stations of the Cross during these Fridays in Lent: February 24, March 2, March 9, March 23, March 30. Stations begin at 6:30 in the chapel and will run for about ½ hour. Families who lead the stations will be provided simple prayers. If you are able to help, contact the CF Office (262-253-2915) or Deacon Mike Rooney at roon-eymike@att.net or Daryl Olszewski at olszewskid@archmil.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-----

GOOD SHEPHERD

Wednesdays: February 29 - 6:00 p.m.
March 7, 14, 21, 28 - 6:00 p.m.
(Gateway to Resurrection
by Joan D. Chittister, OSB)

ST. JAMES

Fridays: March, 9, 16, 23, 30 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY

Sundays during Lent 2:00 p.m.

LENTE PRAYER/DEVOTIONS----

GOOD SHEPHERD

Evening Prayer - Sundays = February 26,
March 4, 11, 18 - 6:00 p.m.

"We Were There, Were You?" A Lenten Play -
Saturday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.
Monday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Evening Prayer:
Wednesdays w/Reposition 6:30 p.m.
(NOT Ash Wednesday)

ST. JAMES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in the chapel)
Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer (in the main church)
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
(February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4)

LENTE PROGRAMS-----

GOOD SHEPHERD

In the Spotlight: Spotlight Presentations on Sacred
Scripture - Sundays, 9:45 am

ST. MARY

Living the Eucharist (call St. Mary for details):

ST. JAMES

CATHOLICISM series - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday Bread & Wine Fellowship Thursday April 5th

Our Holy Thursday Fellowship will follow the Chrism Mass. Help us break bread and share as Jesus did with his disciples by joining in this bread and wine fellowship. We are looking for parishioners who are attending this service to help us by 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.

Lenten Bird Service

You are invited to a service of beauty and nature at Lisbon Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. Jack and Holly Bartholmei will be presenting breath-taking slides and videos of wildlife and birds Jack has taken in Horicon Marsh. The slides are accompanied by lovely poems and scripture readings, and set to music by Holly. This inspiring service is open to all. A free will offering for the SOS Food Pantry will be taken. Questions? Call 262-246-3377.

TRIDUUM/EASTER-----

Holy Thursday	April 5
Good Friday	April 6
Holy Saturday	April 7
Easter Sunday	April 8

GOOD SHEPHERD

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament one hour after Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

ST. JAMES

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m.

ST. MARY

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Praise 8:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 8:00am on Good Friday) in Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Lunch Break for Young Adults

Are you looking for a way to dig into scripture a little bit deeper during Lent. Why not join Mark & John (the Gospel writers) in the Atrium at the Cathedral on Wed's during Lent. We'll gather from about 12:10pm-12:45pm, share a light meal and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. We'll meet on Wed's starting Feb. 29th and continuing thru Holy Week.

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Lenten Day of Reflection at Holy Hill: "Prayer: School of Love"

Please join us at the **Basilica of Holy Hill, Saturday, March 24**, for a day of prayer, reflection and inspirational talks led by Frs. Jude Peters OCD, Daniel Chowning OCD and Don Brick OCD. Conference begins at 9:30am and concludes with Mass at 4:30pm. Registration fee: \$25, includes lunch and refreshments. To register, please call Holy Hill at 262-628-1838 or download a registration form at www.holyhill.com. All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**COOPERATING CHURCHES OF SUSSEX
MINI-WORKCAMP 2012!
Saturday, April 21st,
Begins at 8:30 and ends with dinner!**

Adults and youth will be needed to provide this community service for area senior residents.

Adults transport, supervise & guide about 4-5 youth in doing general Spring clean up chores such as raking, window washing & cleaning gutters.

Youth grades 7 and up are encouraged to spend the day providing the above services to area residents.

This is a wonderful service opportunity for both youth and adults. There are many area residents who could really use a helping hand.

**Applications will be available around mid-March.
The deadline is April 6th.
Please watch the bulletin or check the website
Later on this month for more information!
www.stjames-parish.net**

For questions call Diana at 253-2235.



Spring Break Activities

Spring Break will be here soon!! Are you ready to hear the 2 most dreaded words in the English Language. I'M BORED!!!!

We're here to alleviate some of that boredom with some fun Spring break activities

Tuesday April 10th we'll test out the new speed-slides at the Kalahari!!

\$40.00 will get you a day pass to the waterpark, the amusement park, a super-slice of pizza, a soda and transportation!



Registration will close at 4pm on Tuesday, April 3rd.
Friends are always welcome!
Open to kids in grades 6--??
(under 12 requires parental supervision)
Depart St. James at 8:30am,
return to St. James at 9pm.

WALKING WITH JESUS DAILY



4/5th Grade Retreat

**March 16, 2012
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
St. James Community
Center**



Why a Retreat?

A retreat is a good way to set aside some time for growing in faith. On retreat we go back to God and think about God's love for us and all that it means. We share faith and prayer; participate in a variety of activities, enjoy a meal, play some games and do a variety of other things. It is a way to remember how important our faith is in our life and to celebrate that too.



Who is invited?

This retreat is for our 4th and 5th graders. We also want to remember that God is always with, but maybe in a special way on retreat. Life gets so busy for everyone so we are making a little space during Lent to focus on some things that are important to young people; faith, our relationship with God, fun, and friends!

Who will lead this retreat?

A team of youth and young adults, under the guidance of Sue Devine-Simon will lead the evening. Parents are welcome to come to help with the meal or to help with supervision, but are not required to be there. Please let Sue know if you would like to help (253-2904).



Registration Form



Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Any Special Considerations (allergies...)?

School/Grade _____

I give my son/daughter _____

Permission to attend the Walking With Jesus Daily retreat at St. James parish on March 16, 2012 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

(Parent/ guardian's signature)

_____ I would like to help serve the meal At 5:45 p.m.

_____ I would be available to help Chaperone this event.

Please return this form to the Christian Formation office by 3/13/12 with a \$3.00 donation for dinner (if possible).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR
March, 2012

1, Thu RICA 7:00 @ TBD

4, Sun Break Open the Word at 8:15 Mass
K4/K5, 8:15 & G1-5, 9:30 Classes
Mission Trip Meeting, 11:30
Gr6-10 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30

5, Mon Lenten Book Discussion 9-10:15 Rm 2
Gr6-10 Classes 6:30

6, Tue Gr1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Catholicism #2, 6:30-8 in Great Rm

7, Wed Adult Confirmation, 7:00 in Rm 2
All Committee Mtg.

8, Thu RCIA 6:30 @ St. Mary's
Community Banquet

11, Sun Break Open the Word at 8:15 Mass
Mission Trip Stock Sale
K4/K5, 8:15 & Gr1-5, 9:30 Classes
GIFT 11:30-1:30
Gr6-11 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30

12, Mon Lenten Book Discussion 9-10:15 Rm 2
Gr6-11 Classes, 6:30

13, Tue Gr1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
GIFT 5:30-7:30
Catholicism #3, 6:30-8 in the Great Rm

14, Wed Adult Confirmation, 7:00 Rm 2

15, Thu RCIA, 7:00 @ TBD

16, Fri Gr 4/5 RETREAT 5:30-9:30
SOAL Mailing

17, Sat Beyond Date Your Mate 6:30 Off Site

18, Sun Break Open the Word at 8:15 Mass
K4/K5, 8:15 & Gr1-5 Classes, 9:30
Gr6-11 Classes, 4:30 & 6:30
Mission Trip Stock Sale

19, Mon Lenten Book Discussion 9-10:15 Rm 2
Gr6-11 Classes, 6:30

20, Tue Gr1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Catholicism #4, 6:30 in the Great Rm

21, Wed Adult Confirmation, 7-8:30 Great Rm
St. Ben's

22, Thu RCIA 7:00 @TBD
Community Banquet

23, Fri Eucharist RETREAT, 5:30-8:30

24, Sat Eucharist RETREAT, 9-noon

25, Sun Break Open the Word @ 8:15 Mass
K4/K5, 8:15 & G1-5 Classes, 9:30
GIFT-Digging Deeper, 11:30-12:30
Last Class Gr. 6-11 Pizza, Prayer and
Praise Attend 10:15 Mass ends @12:30

26, Mon Last Lenten Book Discussion 9-10:15
Rm 2

27, Tue G1-5 Classes, 5:00 & 6:30
Catholicism #5, 6:30-8 in the Great Rm
GIFT-Digging Deeper, 6:30-7:30

28, Wed Adult Confirmation 7-8:30 Rm 2

29, Thu RCIA @ St. James 7-8:30 in Great Rm

April, 2012

1, Sun Palm Sunday
Break Open the Word at 8:15 Mass
LAST Class K4/K5, 8:15 & Gr1-5, 9:30

2, Mon SOAL Registration Due

3, Tue LAST Class Gr. 1-5 Class, 5:00 & 6:30
NO Catholicism

4, Wed No All Committee Mtg.

5, Thu Holy Thursday

6, Fri Good Friday

7, Sat EASTER Vigil 8:00 pm

8, Sun EASTER

10, Tue No Catholicism
Kalahari MS/HS 8:30-8:30

12, Thu RCIA at St. James in the Great Rm
Community Banquet

13, Fri SOAL Starts, Session 1

14, Sat Aluminum Can Drive

15, Sun GIFT 11:30-1:30
Aluminum Can Drive

17, Tue GIFT 5:30-7:30
Catholicism #6, 6:30-8 in Great Rm
St. Ben's

18, Wed RCIA at St. James in the Great Rm

20, Fri SOAL, Session 2
Senior Club
Mission Retreat

21, Sat Mini Workcamp
Beyond Date Your Mate, 6:30
(Great Room)
Mission Trip Retreat (continued)

24, Tue Catholicism #7, 6:30-8 in Great Rm

26, Thu Eucharist Rehearsal:
5:30, 6:15, 6:45
RCIA at St. James in the Great Rm
Community Banquet

27, Fri SOAL, Session 3

28, Sat First Eucharist - 5:00 Mass

29, Sun First Eucharist - 8:15 & 10:15 Mass

HEALTH MINISTRY

***“MAY THE GOD OF PEACE MAKE YOU COMPLETELY HOLY
AND MAY YOUR SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT
SOUND”***

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

Greetings and Blessings to each of you for Spring, 2012!

Recently, I shared information with the GIFT Families about the Health Ministry here at St. James and the role of the Parish Nurse.

Since many new families have joined St. James in these past few years I thought it would be beneficial to share the overview of the Health Ministry with all of the parishioners. We are always looking for more volunteers on the Blood Pressure Screening team; as meal donors; co-ordinating the Prayer Shawl Ministry, etc. Please call or send me an email if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

- . Anointing of the Sick at St. James is celebrated at each weekend Mass one Weekend in October and every other first Friday at 8AM Mass.
- . Cards to homebound and those recovering from surgery or dealing with chronic Or long term illness.
- . Prayer at Sussex Mill once a month with 6 residents.
- . Many Eucharistic visits to those who are in nursing homes, homebound or in Hospitals
 - . Many referrals - you can call and leave a message or send me an email if You know of a parishioner who may need a Eucharistic visit.
- . Health Education - Newsletter Articles, Health Education events, CPR classes, Advance Directives
- . Referral Source - Parish Nurse/Resource Directory
- . Weekly Mass is on the website and on DVD - take DVD to some homebound Who have DVD players
- . Collaborative Cluster Events : Anointing of the Sick; Health Ed Programs; Home Visitor training;

I hope this gives you a clearer understanding about the role of the Health Ministry and Parish Nurse in our parish community. Chronic illness and other health altering diseases can make a person feel very isolated from the faith community. We try, through our ministry, to bridge that gap by being the LINK TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY.

Wishing you many blessings, much peace and good health!

Ann Sardegna, Parish Nurse
(262-250-2663)
sardegnaa@archmil.org

Dr. John Whitcomb Speaks on Health/Wellness

"*Health is Wealth*" is a common saying, but statistically did you know it works the other way too? The number one cause of personal bankruptcy is an unexpected health crisis. Learn more – on Sunday March 4th at 9:30 a.m. Dr. John Whitcomb, a physician with over 30 years of experience, will return to speak on "**Wellness**" and answer questions in the Community Center. The people who attended his first presentation had a lot more questions. And the doctor's fee – it's free! If you normally attend Saturday's 5:00 mass, come back on Sunday. If you're an 8:15'er plan to stay after mass. And if you're a 10:15'er come at 9:15 to catch his talk before attending mass. Bring the kids – it might change their daily habits and lives along with yours. Questions: call (414) 587-1202 or email: pschneider@wi.rr.com.

A Simple Serving

Simply doing, one thing, one time, for St. James - how simple can that be? The Human Concerns committee is asking people to be on a volunteer call or email list so when a need arises we can contact people who will help out – just that one time. It may be holding a soup pot at one of the doors during Souper Bowl Sunday to collect donations. Or it may be picking up a bag of dirty towels dropped off at church by Repairers of the Breach, taking them home to wash, and returning the bag of towels to church. Or it may be decorating the church or Undecorating it. There are a myriad of simple things can come up during the year that need volunteers to help. One task, one duty, one "good deed", one work of service to another, or what we call "A Simple Serving" to others. There will be sign up sheets in the Gathering Space where you can leave your telephone number or email address. Then, when something comes up, someone may contact you to see if you can help – "A Simple Serving". No commitment on your part, just a willingness that you are open to being called to see if a particular task on a particular day and time fits you - to be of service to another. Please sign up.

MEN'S PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

The beginning of Lent commemorates the anniversary of the beginning of the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer and Bible Study which is now entering its 5th year of continuous meeting. About 14 men meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Great Room to pray, share faith, and reflect on the up-coming Sunday's Scripture readings. The session concludes at 7:30 a.m. All men of the parish are invited to come for prayer and fellowship. The spirit is welcoming and the coffee is hot! Here is another opportunity for men to grow in faith this Lent. For more information call Daryl at 253-2213.

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

A group of "seniors" (with really no minimum age) meet every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. in the Great Room for an one hour Bible Study focused on the upcoming Sunday readings. Any and all seniors are welcome to attend. No expertise is needed. Bring a bible if you have one. Come and enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the readings proclaimed each Sunday and meet new friends. There is no cost and no pre-registration is needed. For more information call Daryl at 253-2213.



ENGAGED ??

**—A Wedding is a Day,
A Marriage is a Lifetime –
Motto for Catholic Engaged
Encounter (CEE)**

Catholic Engaged Encounter in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is happy to offer a weekend retreat for Engaged Couples who are preparing for marriage. This retreat is a weekend shared by an engaged couple reflecting and discussing every aspect of a marriage relationship. Topics include, but not limited to, finances, sexuality/NFP, parenting, communication and spirituality. A team of three married couples and a priest will present the weekend. Perhaps, parents or grandparents could offer this to you as a wedding gift. The first weekend is April 20-22, 2012 at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. Please register online through the John Paul II Center website:

www.johnpaul2center.org

Questions? Call Jenni Oliva (414) 758-2213 or email: olivaj@archmil.org Or John & Louise Vos – local coordinators for CEE (262-439-8559) or email: johnlouisevos@yahoo.com

5th Sunday Priority Relationship: Interfaith Senior Programs

Put Your Faith into Action and Help Neighbors in Need

April's featured Priority Relationship is Interfaith Senior Programs. Interfaith will speak at all our masses the weekend of April 28th and 29th.

Who is Interfaith Senior Programs?

Interfaith is a faith-based nonprofit organization serving Waukesha County. Our mission is to help older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers live dignified, meaningful, and engaged lives in the community while maintaining their independence as long as possible.

- Faith in Action volunteers serve 1,200 seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County.
 - 120 seniors and adults with disabilities in Menomonee Falls, 60 in Sussex, and 29 members of St. James Parish receive help from Interfaith.
 - 22 Interfaith volunteers are members of St. James – thank you!
 - Those served lack the financial or family resources to obtain the services.
- 72 Retired & Senior Volunteer Program tutors and 256 pen pals help children in the Hamilton and Menomonee Falls School districts.

Volunteers of All Ages Can Help

Local volunteer opportunities to put your faith into action are available for kids to seniors.

- Provide a ride to a senior to a medical appointment or grocery store.
 - Be a pen pal or tutor to a local student.
 - Visit a lonely neighbor.
 - Provide yard clean up or lawn mowing.
 - Decorate birthday cards.
 - Create ornaments, decorate cards or hold a donation drive for the Holiday Giving Program.
- Participate in an Intergenerational Folk Art Fair to bring old time skills, collections and hobbies alive to elementary students.

For more information, contact Marie Honel, Community Outreach Manager, at 262-522-2405 or visit Interfaith's website at www.interfaithwaukesha.org.

HARTFORD COMMUNITY HANDS FOR THE LOVE OF HAITI FOOD PACK

Last year during Lent, the Hartford Community helped pack **108,432** meals that were successfully delivered to Haiti in June. We are looking for volunteers and various groups to pack more meals for Haiti's most precious commodity, the children, who are still suffering from the effects of natural disasters, disease, politics, and lack of education.

Many sessions are available from February 25th through March 27th. Call 414-588-3788 today to schedule your Food Pack.

**Love for Haiti Food Pack is taking place at
St. Aidans Episcopal Church
670 East Monroe Street
Hartford**

Food Pack is sponsored by the Worldwide Hunger Relief.

Visit <http://staidans-hartford.org/2012-food-pack.html> for more information

“Enjoy the sense of giving that will fill your spirit as the work of your hands helps people in need.”

Come One, Come All to the Community Banquets

On the 2nd of 4th Thursdays of every month (except Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks), St. James Community Center is the site for the Community Banquet: a free, nutritious meal and fellowship supported by 10 area Churches. These 10 Churches include Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Episcopalian, and Catholic congregations working together to provide a free meal and the volunteer crews to set up, cook, serve, and clean up. These Churches support the program financially. Twice a year (Feb. and Sept.), free will offerings are accepted to also help support the Banquet.

Meals are served 5:30pm to about 6pm. No reservations are needed, just come and enjoy a tasty meal and friendship! Some folks come with their family; some come and meet their friends; everyone is truly welcome!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Janet Block in the Christian Formation Office at 253-2916 or email her at blockj@archmil.org. St. James is scheduled 6 or 7 times per year to provide a volunteer crew. Some volunteers are here at nearly each banquet we're scheduled, some are only available once or twice a year; it's very flexible and volunteer help is greatly appreciated.

WINTER RAFFLE WINNERS!

Congratulations Everyone!

We want to thank all those parishioners who purchased raffle tickets. We really appreciate your support of St. James Parish and would like to say congratulations to the following winners of our Winter Raffle!

First Prize	\$2,500	Paul Stevens
Second Prize	\$ 500	Hope Birch
Third Prize	\$ 400	Fr. Michael Moran
Fourth Prize	\$ 300	Jo Mason
Fifth Prize	\$ 200	Toni Barr
Sixth Prize	\$ 100	Barbara Schuelke
Seventh Prize	\$ 75	Tom Johnson
Eighth Prize	\$ 75	Ray Ische
Ninth Prize	\$ 50	Rosa Hock
Tenth Prize	\$ 50	Peggy Wallner

Tree of Life

Many of you may **not** have seen, may not know or may have forgotten about the "Tree of Life" located in the gathering area on the east wall of the Reconciliation room. The purpose of this beautiful brass tree is to honor, remember or recognize in a special way the living and deceased of our parish.



The Tree of Life emphasizes the spirit and devotion that unites our parish and is a visual symbol of how we are all rooted and connected to the church. It is also a way to be permanently etched into the history of St. James parish. Over the years, proceeds from purchases of an engraved leaf or rock have been used to help offset costs for various projects throughout the parish; building fund, Community Center renovation, mortgage debt reduction, etc.

There is plenty of room for "growth" on our Tree of Life. If you or someone in your family is interested in displaying your family or the name of a family member on our tree, just call the parish office and we'll give you all the details.

EXPECTING A BABY? BAPTISM INFORMATION

To register for a pre-baptism class and to schedule a baptism call Daryl Olszewski at 253-2213.

Here is some basic information about celebrating baptism at St. James.

- Parents should be registered members of St. James.
- Participation in a pre-baptism class is expected of parents. It is highly recommended that parents participate in the class before the child is born.
- Pre-baptism classes are usually held once-a-month on Saturdays. (Note the March class will be on Saturday, March 10th and the April class will be on April 14th).
- Baptisms are generally celebrated at any of the Masses on the weekend of a third Sunday, except during Advent and Lent. So that the baptisms may be as personal as possible only four baptisms are scheduled for any Mass.
- Upcoming baptisms are scheduled for weekends of:



(None during Lent)
April 14th and 15th,

Mother-Daughter Mass and Brunch

Save the date

May 20, 2012.

Invite your mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt or friend for Mass and a relaxing brunch.

All ladies are welcome!

Watch for more information to follow in future bulletins or check the website.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Night Out

Little Black Dress Fashion Show

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Mark your calendar!



Coming Soon Seventh Annual Thrift Sale June 7, 8, and 9th.

It's time for spring-cleaning and as you de-clutter your closets, cupboards, basement, garage and shed, please set aside that pile of "must go" items for our thrift sale.

Donations accepted May 21 through June 2.

We will accept almost everything. However, there are a few exceptions: **NO large appliances, magazines or records, baby cribs, car seats or mattresses. NO computer equipment, or TVs.**

We welcome all **clean, useable** items including furniture – big and small, indoor and outdoor, lamps, pictures, sporting goods, housewares, bedding, linens, toys and tools. And clothing, jewelry, antiques, craft items, CDs, DVDs, etc. and books.

Additional "drop-off times" have been added to accommodate everyone's schedules.

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am–5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am–12:00 pm and Wednesday evening 5:00-7:30 pm.

Please drop off ONLY during these designated times.

Tax donation forms available upon request.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers are also needed!

Please consider volunteering as much time as you can. This is a major moneymaker for the parish and YOU can help to make it successful!

Check the Website and the bulletins for more information on the sale.

If you have any question please contact the Thrift Sale Committee.

Marie Goergen 252-4537

Char Kebis 538-4924

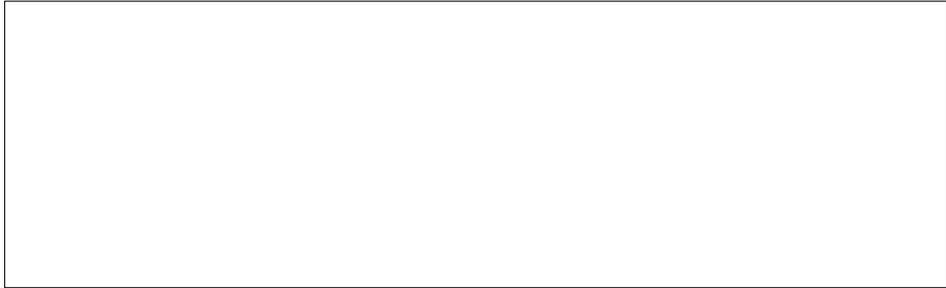
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Dates to Remember

MARCH 2012

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
3/4:	Fellowship Weekend
7:	All Committee Meeting Night, 7 pm
8:	Community Banquet
10:	Baptismal Classes, 9:30 Great Room
10/11:	Mission Trip Stock Sale after Masses Blood Pressure Screening
15:	Knights' of Columbus General Meeting
16:	St. James Senior Club Meeting Christian Formation Gr. 4 & 5 Retreat
17/18:	Mission Trip Stock Sale after Masses
17:	Beyond Date Your Mate
21:	St. Ben's Meal Program
22:	Community Banquet
23/24:	Eucharist Retreat
28:	Sewing/Quilting Group
Wednesdays: Vespers in Church 7:00-8:00	
Fridays: Stations of the Cross in Chapel 6:30-7:30	

APRIL 2012

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
4:	All Committee Meeting Night 7:00 PM
5:	HOLY THURSDAY Liturgy, 7:00 PM
6:	GOOD FRIDAY Service, 1:00 & 7:00 PM
7:	Blessing of Food 11:30 in Chapel Fellowship Weekend Holy Saturday Liturgy 7:30 PM
8:	Easter Liturgy, 8:15 AM & 10:15 AM
10:	KC's Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
11:	Parish Council, 7:00 PM
12:	Community Banquet, 5:30 PM
13:	S.O.A.L. Program Aluminum Can Drive
14:	Baptismal Classes, 9:30 Great room Blood Pressure Screening
18:	St. Ben's Meal Program
21/22:	5th Sunday Priority Relationship
28/29:	Eucharist Celebrations at Mass

Please see page 6 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department