

# St. James Parish

## May/June 2012 Newsletter



### BURYING THE ALLELUIA DURING LENT

Each Lent we prepare for the joy of Easter by praying more, sharing more, and sacrificing, or doing without certain things. This Lent our 4 and 5 year olds gave up saying a certain word during Lent. For almost eight weeks we would ask the children to say the secret word. Not one of them gave into the temptation! Parents were not able to get it out of them either. Finally, Easter came and they were able to share the “ALLELUIA” that they had been keeping in for so long! We decorated our poster of the Alleluia, said good bye to it with a prayer and a song, rolled it up and buried it in our prayer pole. On Easter the Alleluia came out for everyone to see again! Jesus is Risen, **ALLELUIA!**



### “This is the Night!”

Heather Chastain was baptized and Alyssa Cobus, Chris Cobus, and Victoria Witt completed their sacramental initiation through Confirmation and Communion at this year’s Easter Vigil on April 7th. Also pictured below are members of this year’s RCIA team, which included De-wane Dye, Peg Flahive, Sharon Samp, Fr. Mike Moran, and Daryl Olszewski.



## **“I DIDN’T KNOW THAT!”**

Occasionally when people are informed about something related to our parish they will respond, “I didn’t know that!” No matter how many times and in how many different ways we attempt to communicate information, sometimes the message doesn’t connect. Here are a few items which received a “I didn’t know that!” response in the past month or so.

Did you know...?

St. James has a K-4 and K-5 “Sunday School” program. Call 251-0897 for information.

Ten area congregations (including St. James) host a FREE dinner for ANY and ALL people on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month here at St. James. No sign-up and no qualifications – other than coming with an appetite for a delicious “home-cooked” meal prepared by one of the congregations! Come and meet your neighbors and friends in this “Community Banquet.”

What does the “free” meal cost St. James? Very little. We provide the use of our facilities, the other congregations make a financial donation, and a “free-will” offering is asked twice a year from participants.

St. Martin de Pores, located on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Burleigh in Milwaukee, is our “sister parish.” When was the last time we visited the relatives?

Fr. Ken Mich, pastor of Good Shepherd, will retire in September and the three parishes in our cluster (St. James, St. Mary’s and Good Shepherd) are expected to be served by only TWO pastors? The priest shortage has arrived. Watch the bulletin for late-breaking developments on this topic.

CCOS stands for “Cooperating Churches of Sussex,” composed of Christ our Savior Lutheran; Lisbon Presbyterian; Redeemer United Church of Christ; St. Alban’s Episcopal; St. James Catholic; and Sussex United Methodist. CCOS is incorporated as a non-profit and operates the S.O.S. (Sussex-area Outreach Services) of which the Food Pantry on Silver Spring Dr. is one of the most visible dimensions of the outreach ministries of these congregations.

Some 200 seniors are participating in the spring S.O.A. L. program! Keep on learnin’!

Bible studies are held on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Thursday mornings. So much for the “Catholics don’t have Bible study” excuses!

About 15 men meet in the Great Room every Tuesday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. for prayer and Bible study. ALL men of the parish are welcome!

St. James will have TWO Community Gardens this summer. All of the produce is donated to the CCOS Food Pantry. Volunteers are always needed so “come grow with us!”

Maybe more next time.

Daryl Olszewski  
Pastoral Associate

## Parish Trustee Position Opening

Wisconsin Law requires that every parish have two trustees, each serving a two year term. Trustees must be parish members, practicing Catholics and at least 25 years of age. The position of Trustee-Treasurer for St. James Parish becomes available this year. Interested candidates must submit to the Parish Office a written nomination form signed by 10 or more registered parish members. Nomination forms are available by calling Terri Weber in the Parish Office (262)253-2259 or by e-mail [webert@archmil.org](mailto:webert@archmil.org). All nomination forms must be received in the Parish Office by 12:00 Noon, Monday, May 21st. Elections will take place the weekend **June 2 & 3, 2012**.

### **TRUSTEE-TREASURER POSITION DESCRIPTION**

According to the Parish Corporate Bylaws, the trustee-treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate and detailed accounts of receipts and disbursements for the parish. Most parishes have paid staff who carry out these accounting functions. The trustee-treasurer's particular responsibility is that of parish treasury activities. This includes the care and custody of funds, assets, supervision of banking, credit, and insurance. The trustee-treasurer is an ex-officio member of the Finance/Administrative Services or Finance Committee.

### NEW WEEKEND CHURCH PROCEDURES

Beginning March 24<sup>th</sup> we will begin implementing new procedures for weekend access to the church. For security purposes the church will be locked on the weekend and if your committee, group or ministry will be using the church, we ask that you call the parish office (262) 251-3944 by Friday, 2:00 PM to request an access code for the lockbox located outside the church. Lockbox location and procedures will be discussed when you call in. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### The South Facing Doors will be Locked.

The south facing outer doors for the School Building/Christian Formation Office are now locked. If you need to go to the CF office please park in the north lot and use those doors. The doors for the south facing lot will be open only if there is a large function happening or Christian Formation classes are scheduled. Thank you.

## Mother-Daughter Mass and Brunch

May 20, 2012



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

All ladies are welcome!  
Adults - \$11.00  
Children Under 6 - Free

Tickets on sale April 21/22, April 28/29, and May 5/6 or until sold out.  
Limited seating.

**ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL EVERY  
TUESDAY**

**8:30 AM—6:30 PM**

Please consider joining us for prayer.

### THE COMMUNITY CENTER HAS BEEN FRESHLY PAINTED THANKS TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO TACKLED THIS PROJECT!

Please DO NOT post anything to the walls of the Community Center with tape or tacks as we would like the walls to continue to look as nice as they do right now. We have easels in the Gathering Space as well as up by Christian Formation for use if you would like to display posters or signs.

It's also been requested that **SIGNS ARE NOT TAPE TO THE GLASS DOORS as of May 1st.**

Please help us to keep our facility looking nice by adhering to the above requests.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **ST. JAMES ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**August 11, 2012**

Songbird Hills Golf Course

Includes 18 holes of golf, prizes and dinner.

For more information contact:

Frank Wanner  
At 262-246-3398



### Mark your calendar

**2012 Annual**

#### **MASS ON THE GRASS**

Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the liturgy will be at 10:30 am, followed by the family picnic.

### WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR SPRING/ SUMMER CAR RAFFLE NEWS!



Want to help? Ideas? Thoughts? Please give Terri a call in the Parish Office at 253-2259 or email [webert@archmil.org](mailto:webert@archmil.org).

**New ideas, fresh thoughts are always welcome!**

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JIM ENGEL MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE

May 19<sup>th</sup>- 10am- Save the Date!



St. James has been using a bike ride fundraiser to subsidize the Mission Trip for 5 years. The bike ride was named after Jim Engel, who was a dear friend of Father Art's who passed away in April 2008 while riding his bike to work. Jim worked with Fr. Art in many youth activities and was an avid cycler.

Save the date for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to join our youth on the parish bike ride. We leave St. James at 10, ride to Merton- have lunch and you will be home by 1 to enjoy the rest of your weekend. The ride is not particularly taxing- we travel along the Bugline which is relatively flat, protected from the wind and very scenic! Round trip is about 15 miles - this is not a race so you can take your time to smell the roses and enjoy the scenery.

If you register before May 13<sup>th</sup> you will get a free T-shirt! Come join us- families, friends, CF classes! Come and meet the youth of our parish and their passion for mission trips. Be inspired by positive youth role models! Let your younger kids see how cool it is to be involved in church and this fun activity. Meet other parishioners, get some exercise – no one is too young or too old.

Return the registration form with payment to the CF office by May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the ride contact Chris Lndl at 262-251-1355.

### Mission Trip Mulchers

With the warm weather, everyone has looked at their flower beds and probably figured out that you need new mulch. When you get your mulch delivered- avoid the hernia, stress, sweat and help your hard-working mission trip young adults by allowing us to spread your mulch for you.....for a nominal fee (depending on how much mulch you have) – a dedicated group of mission trip kids and adults will descend on your property to save you from a wasted weekend of mulch spreading. To inquire about this and arrange for us to come and serve, contact Chris at 262-251-1355.

### **THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS' OF COLUMBUS**

For the rosaries and prayer cards that were donated for our Christian Formation boys & girls who had recently celebrated their First Eucharist.



Living the Eucharist Retreat Day  
June 9, 2012 – St. Mary Activity Center.

Time is 9:30 – 3:30  
**Save the date – more information will be provided in the parish bulletin.**

### CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the church for awhile, this invitation is for you! Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you.

No matter how long you have been away or for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for an informal listening session and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics and others. The 6 week sessions are conducted in a support-group format with the topics based on the participants questions. They will be held at St. Anthony Parish in Menomonee Falls.

The dates are Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 8 and 15, 2012 (*skipping All Saints Day, November 1*). If you have any questions call Laverne (262-251-3968) or Shirley (262-251-3888).

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

St. James is proud to help sponsor Theology-on-Tap again this summer. Theology-on-Tap is a speaker series for young adults, married and single, in their 20s and 30s. Each session offers a different topic and presenter, so choose the topics or presenters that appeal to you! Attend as many as you want – the choice is yours. No need to register and there is no cost to attend. Snack and drink are free as this round is on us! Just bring yourself, a friend, and an open mind.

This year it will be on Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM starting July 11 and ending on August 1. It will again be at Krueger's Entertainment Center site at N87 W16471 Appleton Ave. Please watch the bulletin in late June for the speakers and topics.

This site is fully planned and organized by Young Adults from our five sponsoring parishes (St. Agnes, St. Anthony, St. James, St. Mary, & Good Shepherd). If you have any questions, feel free to contact the site coordinator, Travis Dodge at 414-308-7295 or at [tdodge@directs.com](mailto:tdodge@directs.com). See you there!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Christian Formation Registration 2012 -2013

As we move forward with our cluster collaboration, we have made a few changes in the registration process. We will have Early Bird registration from Mid May through July 1<sup>st</sup>. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will go to our regular fee (\$25.00 more than early bird) and we are opening up registration to Good Shepherd and St. Mary parishes. You are also welcome to check out their websites to see if their Christian Formation programs would be something that your family might want to connect to. After July 1<sup>st</sup> any parishioner from any of the 3 cluster parishes is welcome to register at any of the parishes' Christian Formation programs without penalty or changing their parish membership. In working together we are able to offer everyone more options for their child's formation needs. Here at St. James, as I'm sure with the other parishes, we have CF times that are more popular than others. If you have a certain time and place where you would like your family to be enrolled in Religious Education classes or Intergenerational programming, you will want to sign up as soon as possible to be assured that you receive your first choice of sessions. Registration for all programs at St. James parish will be available on line at [www.stjames-parish.net](http://www.stjames-parish.net) beginning in Mid May. Questions can be directed to the CF office at 251-0897.

#### *CHRISTIAN FORMATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR*

<u>May, 2012</u>			<u>June, 2012</u>		
1, Tue	Catholicism 6:30-8 pm		22, Tue	Scripture Study 6:30 pm	
3, Thu	<b>First Eucharist Rehearsal 5:30 pm</b> RCIA @ St. James 7-9 pm Great Room		24, Thu	Community Banquet	
4, Fri	<b>S.O.A.L.</b>		25, Fri	<b>S.O.A.L. Potluck</b>	
5, Tue	<b>Confirmation Rehearsal 10-noon</b> First Eucharist Celebration 5:00 pm		29, Tue	Scripture Study 6:30 pm	
6, Sun	Confirmation Celebration 1:00 pm		1, Fri	Aluminum Can Drive	
8, Tue	<b>Catholicism 6:30-8 pm</b>		2, Sat	Aluminum Can Drive	
9, Wed	<b>VBS Leaders Mtg. 6:30 CF office</b>		3, Sun	<b>Graduation Mass 10:15</b> Aluminum Can Drive	
10, Thu	Community Banquet <b>Last RCIA @ St. James 7-9 pm</b>		5, Tue	Scripture Study 6:30	
11, Fri	S.O.A.L.		12, Tue	Scripture Study 6:30	
15, Tue	<b>Catholicism 6:30-8 pm</b>		14, Thu	<b>Community Banquet</b>	
16, Wed	St. Ben's <b>GIFT Planning Met. 6:30 CF office</b>		19, Tue	Scripture Study 6:30	
18, Fri	S.O.A.L.		23, Sat	<b>CF Registration after Mass</b>	
19, Sat.	Beyond Date Your Mate Great Rm. <b>Jim Engel Memorial Bike Ride</b>		24, Sun	CF Registration after Masses	
			26, Tue	<b>Scripture Study 6:30</b>	
			28, Thu	Community Banquet	



**Vacation Bible School**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**at St. James**  
**9:00 – noon daily**  
**For children going into**  
**grades 4K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades**



Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2012/13) \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



Parent(s) Name and Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone/person's name \_\_\_\_\_

Who's picking your child(ren) up? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any allergies or medical conditions we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

The requested donation for V.B.S. is 20.00 per child. Please include it with your registration. If you are unable to offer this amount simply let Sue Devine-Simon know. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay. If you have any questions please call Sue at 251-0897. You will receive more information before the week of Bible school. Children who are going into 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in this program. We will take the first 150 children on a first come first served basis. Older youth, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, and adults, are invited to help.



**V.B.S. Helpers**

Helpers Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (please include age) or Adult? \_\_\_\_\_



**What would you like to help with:**

Small group leader/helper  Game helper  Snack helper  Music Person

Set up/Take down  Prepare things at home ahead of time (cutting...)  Craft helper

Science helper  Thursday night ice cream social helper  Odds and ends or fill in

Which days are you available to help? M TU W TH F or ALL

(Circle those, which apply)

# HEALTH MINISTRY

**"BELOVED, I PRAY THAT ALL MAY GO WELL WITH YOU  
AND THAT YOU MAY BE IN GOOD HEALTH, JUST AS IT IS  
WELL WITH YOUR SOUL."**

*3 JOHN 2*

## TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF

As we begin the Spring and Summer of 2012, there are many thoughts and health tips I would like to share with you. Taking care of yourself requires attention to the care of your MIND, BODY AND SOUL. WHAT CONSTITUTES GOOD HEALTH? A STRONG, HEALTHY BODY? A POSITIVE OUTLOOK? A BALANCED LIFE? Keeping healthy requires attention to body, mind and soul. Taking care of the whole you, also means recognizing and respecting your innate worth as God's unique creation.

Remind yourself that everything we have is a GIFT. Some reminders or ways to refresh your soul this Summer are:

1. Pray every day
2. Count your blessings
3. Spend time with nature — walking is a great way to do this!
4. Attend a Bible Study or Prayer Group
5. Serve in a ministry that helps others (Community Garden).
6. Honor the temple that is your body.
7. Keep a journal focused on your spiritual life.

You know many other ways to promote your health — we hear and read health tips daily!

Caregivers need to be especially attentive to promoting their own health. It is often exhausting to care for elderly parents, children and grandchildren.

## WHEN STRESS STRIKES...CONSIDER THIS THREE-STEP SOLUTION:

- **Yes you can!** When stress hits, think in terms of solutions, not problems. Review your achievements. To keep life positive, do something you love: take a long walk; write a poem; read a book. This time will refuel your energy and refresh you.
- **Do what's best for you.** Each day, work to improve your diet, and to get enough rest and exercise. Rid your life of clutter, both in terms of things and of commitments and tasks. Concentrate on what's valuable and uplifting.
- **Understand the big picture.** During any stressful situation, ask yourself: "What matters most here?" Chances are that the problem won't matter next month or perhaps even tomorrow. Take a breath and say a prayer of thanksgiving to the loving God who's with you in good times and bad.

## HEARING LOSS

Here are some health tips regarding hearing loss which affects almost 30 million people in the U.S. and Canada. Most hearing problems develop gradually, often causing the hearing impaired person to slowly withdraw from normal social and business situations.

Here are 10 warning signs that would suggest further evaluation:

1. People seem to mumble more frequently.
2. You hear, but have trouble understanding the words.
3. You often ask people to repeat what they have said.
4. Telephone conversation is increasingly difficult.
5. People say that you play the TV or radio too loudly.
6. You can't hear some common household sounds; a dripping faucet, the refrigerator, a ticking clock or watch, the doorbell ringing.
7. You have trouble understanding when your back is turned to the person speaking.
8. You have been told that you speak too loudly.
9. You experience ringing or noises in your ears.
10. Conversations are difficult in large groups or crowds.

## Resources:

1. #485 from Christopher News ([www.christophers.org](http://www.christophers.org))
2. AVADA Audiology & Hearing Care
3. Telephone Device for Hearing Impaired contact TEPP  
Telecommunications  
Equipment  
Purchase  
Program

Email [PSCRECS@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:PSCRECS@psc.state.wi.us) (Public Service Commission of Wisconsin) or call 1-800-251-8345.

## A FINAL NOTE

Please check with your doctor to determine whether you need a booster in order to prevent whooping cough. There have been cases reported in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Finally, I wish you many healthy and fun times this summer. May you be blessed with all you need—both physically and spiritually this Spring, Summer and beyond!

Blessings,

*Ann Sardegna,  
Parish Nurse*

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 upcoming 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.

## 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.

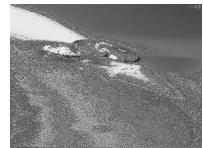
1. Parents should be registered members of St. James.
2. Participation in a pre-baptism class is expected of parents. It is highly recommended that parents participate in the class before the child is born.
3. Pre-baptism classes are usually held once-a-month on Saturdays. **Upcoming classes will be held on: May 12th, June 9th & July 14th. No class in August.**
4. 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.
5. **Upcoming baptisms are scheduled for weekends of:**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*No baptisms in August.**



## 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 retreats take place at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. Please register online through the John Paul II Center website:  
[www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org)

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

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will be contributing to the various community and church activities. They are as follows:

Seminaries	\$2,000.00
St. James Church Operations/Capital Fund	500.00
St. James Church Scholarship	500.00
St. Martin de Pores Food Pantry	400.00
Sussex Senior Shuttle	300.00
Foundation For Retired Religious Fund	300.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	300.00
Hebron House	300.00
Sussex Outreach	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**The donation money was raised thru the sale of  
RAFFLE TICKETS, ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS  
AND PANCAKE BREAKFASTS.**

## 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.

**St James'**  
**Seventh Annual Thrift Sale**  
**June 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>.**

We are ready to accept your items for the thrift sale starting...

**May 21 through June 2.**  
**No collections on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

We will accept almost everything. However, there are a few exceptions:  
**NO computer equipment, large TVs over 25 inches, or large appliances.**  
**No magazines, encyclopedias, baby cribs, car seats or mattresses.**

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

**Additional “drop-off times” are added to accommodate everyone’s schedules.**  
**Monday through Friday: 7:30 am–5:00 pm**  
**SATURDAY: 8:30 am–12:00 pm and WEDNESDAY EVE 5:00-7:30 pm.**  
**CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Please drop off ONLY during these designated times.**

Tax donation forms available upon request.

**SALE DAYS**  
**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am 1:00 pm (half price and bag sale day)**

**Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers are also needed!**  
We need your help before the sale to help with set up as well as the days of sale.  
Please consider volunteering as much time as you can.

We need bakers for the Bake Sale portion of the Thrift Sale.  
Pies, Cakes, Cookies are good sellers, along with breads, coffee cakes, etc.

**Looking for a volunteer to head-up the Toy Department  
Can YOU help?**

Tell your friends and neighbors that we will accept their donations too!

Marie Goergen 252-4537 - Char Kebis 538-4924 - Sandy Sawyer 252-3647



## Come One, Come All to the Community Banquets



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## HUMAN CONCERNS

### Matthew 25 Service Project Experiences

Throughout Lent a purple draped cross was placed at the back of the church by the Baptismal font. For any parishioner who wanted a deeper, more meaningful, Lenten experience, 3"x 5" card of service projects were hung from the cross. Parishioners were encouraged to select a service project, and once their service work was completed, they were asked to write a short summary of their experience. The following comments came from the completed service projects and tell of parishioner's experiences:

#### 1) Write a letter of support and appreciation to a parish member serving in the Armed Forces

"It feels good to honor a soldier who serves our country",

"I wrote a letter to Hannah. I know how important it is for them to receive mail"

"I wrote the letter and I am hoping to get a response. We must not let writing letters disappear. I also wanted our military people to know they are not forgotten"

#### 2) Take some food items and visit/help our sister parish of St Martin de Porres' Food Pantry

"I've been to St Martin's to help before and everyone is always friendly. I put together some bags of food prior to people arriving and I stocked shelves as well. I certainly will be glad to help again, plus it is a beautiful church!"

#### 3) Prepare food for the St Bens Meal program

"This was an example of how simply making an extra meal or doubling a recipe can make a difference in feeding the hungry. I was happy to be able to do this and will try doing this on a regular basis"

#### 4) Work a shift as a volunteer at a local St Vincent de Paul store

"While helping a customer, I had something so beautiful said to me. It made my heart smile. My heart has not smiled much, since the passing of my Dad. A little while later, as I was helping another customer, I passed by a very large picture of Jesus. The words "Jesus, I trust in you" were on it. I recognized it as the *Divine Mercy* picture. I knew I was in the right place and taking the right steps towards him – Jesus"

We would appreciate hearing from more of you who took 3"x5" service card from the cross. As you complete your service work, please write a brief summary of your experience and drop it off at church. You will find a basket on the edge of the fireplace in the Gathering Space with a sign that reads: "Matthew 25 Service Projects". Thank you all.

## HUMAN CONCERNS ‘THANK YOU’S’

Dear Members of St. James,

Thank you for your donation of \$447.64 given to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. This money will be used to purchase food for families in our community who need help.

*We greatly appreciate your support.*

Sincerely,  
**Barbara Richl,**  
**Asst. Director**

Dear Members,

I wish to extend a warm thank you for your generous donation of \$500 as part of your ongoing Tithing Program to various Charitable Organizations. These funds will be used for outreach programs that assist families headed by single mothers. Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry.

HOPE Network for Single Mothers is a grassroots self-help support system for single mothers and single pregnant women in the greater Milwaukee area. HOPE Network is proud to be celebrating our 30th year of service. Our outreach programs provide scholarships, portable cribs, resource newspaper, support groups, and free clothing banks.

Your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated.  
**Pauline Beck,**  
**Executive Director**

Dear Friends at St. James,  
Thank you for your kind and generous support of our mission here at Sussex Outreach Services. Every gift is important and every dollar is utilized. With ONE dollar we are able to provide a meal for an entire family. That ONE dollar is multiplied five times with service from our case manager, Trish. She offers counseling services, emergency energy or housing assistance, assistance in accessing many vital resources, educational opportunities and much more to our clients.

SOS will continue to serve those that need us the most here in the Sussex area as long as we have partners like you to help us. Thank you for your kindness,

*Jennifer Waltz, Director*

St. James Congregation,  
Thank you for your generous \$500 donation to the Women's Center. We appreciate you supporting our mission.

*Jeanine Ks Bode,  
Board President*

Dear Friends of Kathy's House,

Your generous gift of \$500 is greatly appreciated. Thoughtful and generous gifts like yours help us to continue our program of supporting and providing lodging for patients of all ages and family members of those seeking care at Milwaukee area hospitals. **Kathy's House** is a community resource dedicated to providing a supportive environment in a "home away from home" for patients and their caregivers.... Your contribution To **Kathy's House** allows us to give hope, inspiration and comfort to those facing personal and medical adversity... We truly appreciate your support and interest in our mission.

Sincerely,  
**Richard P. Vogel, Executive Director**

Dear St. James Human Concerns,

On behalf of the Iraqi Student Project Milwaukee (ISPM) I would like to thank you or your generous gift of \$500 during 2011. Your commitments to our grass-roots effort to help our two students, Fatima and Basma whose lives have been affected by the war in Iraq complete an undergraduate degree in the U.S. The education they are receiving will make it possible with your financial support to become successful leaders in the rebuilding of Iraq.

We want to extend our thanks again for your contributions and with donations from supporters like you we will continue to grow and be able to continue supporting the students throughout their college years.

*Neal Styka*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for remembering All Saints in your generosity. We cherish your concern for our Outreach Ministries.

*Faithfully, Fr. Carl*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$500 made to Milwaukee Birthright. Your thoughtfulness and support are greatly appreciated. Each dollar we receive is used wisely to benefit women in crisis. . . .Sincerely,

*Veronica Ceszynski,  
Executive Director*

Dear Friends of St. James,

Spring greetings to all of you. We are most grateful for your thoughtfulness and care. As you might know that we have merged with Blessed Trinity Parish which 20 years ago was a merged parish of 3 parishes. Our boundaries include much of the north-side of Milwaukee. This area is where many of the poor of Milwaukee reside. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society sometimes gets 40-60 calls a week for help and assistance. We try to do the best we can but don't always have the resources to help. Your \$500 check will enable us to assist others. Thank you.

*Gratefully, Fr. Jade Kern*

Dear Parishioners of St. James,

We are so appreciative of your generous donations to our "My Stuff Bag" project. We strive to bring some joy to the many children in crisis entering Homeless Shelters in Milwaukee.

God bless you all! *Judy Keenan*

Dear Pastor & Parishioners,

On behalf of the prison chaplains and inmates we serve, thank you for your wonderful gift of \$500. Your gift will help us provide Catholics in prison with the scripture, prayer and faith resources they need to rebuild their lives on a spiritual foundation. It also means so much to inmates to know that they are not forgotten by their faith community. You have touched their lives with the dignity and hope of the Gospel. . . .

With Christ among the incarcerated,  
*Ron Zeilinger, Director*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the residents, staff and Board of Directors of St. Catherine Residence, I thank St. James for your generous donation of \$500 to help with our programs.

Your gift allows us to support women struggling to meet the challenges of poverty, disabilities, domestic violence and insufficient education. Their choice to live at SCR is a first step to meeting basic needs, setting goals and pursuing a healthier and self reliant lifestyle. . . . Please consider visiting us. We would enjoy seeing you and sharing our story. Sincerely,

*Lynne J. Oehlke*



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# Dates to Remember

## MAY 2012

- DATE:** **EVENT:**
- 3: Eucharist Rehearsal
  - 5: Confirmation Rehearsal
  - First Eucharist Celebration, 5:00 Mass
  - 5/6: Fellowship Weekend
  - 6: Cluster Confirmation at 1:00
  - Presentation by Dr. Whitcomb 9 am
  - 8: Knight's of Columbus Board Mtg 7:30
  - 9: Vacation Bible School Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - 10: Community Banquet
  - Eucharist Rehearsal
  - 12: Baptism Class, 9:30 am
  - 14: Begin accepting Thrift Sale Items
  - 16: St. Ben's Meal Program
  - 19: Jim Engel Memorial Bike Ride
  - 19/20: Field of Dreams Plant Sale
  - 20: Mother/Daughter Mass & Brunch
  - 24: Community Banquet
  - 27: Knight's of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

## JUNE 2012

- DATE:** **EVENT:**
- 2/3: Aluminum Can Drive
  - 7-9: Thrift Sale
  - 9: Baptism Class, 9:30
  - 10: Blood Pressure Screening
  - Knights' of Columbus Corporate Communion
  - 12: Knights' of Columbus Board Meeting
  - 13: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
  - Parish Council Meeting
  - 14: Community Banquet
  - 15: Senior Club Meeting
  - 16/17: Baptisms at Masses
  - 20: St. Ben's Meal Program
  - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
  - 21: KC's General Membership Meeting
  - 23/24: Christian Formation Walk-In Registration
  - 24: Knight's of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
  - 28: Community Banquet