

St. James Parish NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2012 Newsletter

Thank you Laverne and crew!

Check out the cafeteria kitchen when you get a chance. Laverne and her crew gave the kitchen a fresh clean look by painting the walls and cupboards earlier this month. We appreciate their hard work and enthusiasm in taking on this large task in giving the kitchen a much needed make over!



Mellow Memos From Fr. Mike

- ❖ *Don't wait until it's too late!* Remember when we used to think that the priest had to be at a person's deathbed when they took their last breath? We called the sacrament "Extreme Unction," the "Last Anointing." With the renewal in our Church we no longer believe that. The Sacrament of the Sick is meant to help sustain a person in their illness and pray for healing. When a person's time is very limited, it's meant to strengthen and support them in the final leg of their journey in this world.
- ❖ So the preferred way to celebrate this sacrament is while a person is still conscious and alert. It's a great blessing if family and loved ones can take part in this prayer at the person's bedside.
- ❖ If at all possible I urge you then, when in this situation, to plan ahead. Don't wait till the middle of the night to call for the sacrament. Not only is it the less than ideal way to celebrate the sacrament, there may be no priest available. We continue to experience a decline in the number of priests in our immediate area.
- ❖ The pastor of Good Shepherd Parish has retired. The pastoral care of the parish is now entrusted to Deacon Sandy Sites with Fr. Al Veik, a Capuchin-Franciscan priest, to be the "assisting priest." That means Fr. Al will be available for Masses and most sacraments. However, he will continue to reside at the House of Peace in Milwaukee, and not be available for night calls. We continue to petition our church authorities to allow deacons to anoint the sick, but to date, this is still not permitted.
- ❖ If you build it, they will come! Do you remember the great dreams of many in our parish when our beautiful new church was built? There was also the hope for an administrative wing to house the offices of the Christian Formation and Pastoral Staffs. Unfortunately the money did not stretch that far.
- ❖ We continue to experience the need in our many ministries for more useful space. The school building is always bustling. I realize in these tough economic times many of us are stretched just to make it from week to week.
- ❖ We continue chipping away at the church mortgage. Something I have not heard much discussion about is "Planned Giving;" encouraging our members to consider a gift to St. James Parish when they die. Occasionally St. James is remembered in a will or bequest, but those gifts are few and far between. We have 2,000 households registered in our computer!
- ❖ I'm looking for a few financially savvy parishioners to come together to promote "planned giving" as an ongoing focus to meet the needs of our faith community. Please give me a call if you think you can help in this regard.
- ❖ **Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!** With the leaves falling and the wind blowing, the new church year of Advent will soon be upon us. I'm happy to report that we will again provide some special times of prayer. We will celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) on the Wednesday evenings of Advent: December 5, 12, and 19, at 6:30 pm in the Historic Chapel. What a great way to come together in the darkness of the winter season to celebrate the coming of Christ our Light!



MEN'S PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

The beginning of Lent commemorated 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 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. 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 a 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.

New Mission / Ministry at St. James

“The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people’ is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 13)

The church is both a sign and sacrament - the people of God and Mystical Body of Christ. When St. Paul addressed the Church he said that there is neither slave nor free, Gentile or Jew, woman or man. There is one body and we are all one in the Lord. Yet, for some Catholics with disabilities, participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the church – a right and duty by reason of their baptism – is often made more difficult, not by overt discrimination, but by lack of understanding and empathy.

Just as the church must do all in its power to ensure people with disabilities a secure place in the human community, so it must reach out to welcome gratefully those who seek to participate in the ecclesial community....The Church finds its true identity when it fully integrates itself with those marginal people, including those who suffer from physical and psychological disabilities. (Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities, 12)

This attitude of welcome and inclusiveness is one of the first things I noticed when I was assigned to St. James. Our facilities are very handicapped accessible with elevators and ramps for building and Church access; ample parking close to the building; places for wheel chairs in the church proper and hearing assistance devices. *(Just in case you are not familiar with these; they are a simple radio receiver with an ear phone that amplifies the audio in church – readings, prayers, music and, yes, even the homilies! Just ask one of the ushers to try one out.)*

The newest mission / ministry here at St. James, which we will begin in Advent of this year, is to have an *interpreter* to sign for the deaf community at the 4:30 P.M. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays on the month. (Yes, we do have a need here at the parish and in our cluster.) To kick things off, Fr. Christopher Klusman, Associate Director of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry for the Archdiocese, who is the first deaf priest to be ordained to the archdiocese, will be joining us to celebrate mass on the “kick-off” date of December 9th.

A few weeks ago, we heard the Gospel of Mark (7:31-37) about the curing of the man who was deaf. Imagine, for a moment that this person was you. During the time of the story, a good portion of the region and world, was an oral society. Stories, history, etc., were not written, but were spread, “by word of mouth”. If you couldn’t hear, you missed what was going on in the world. If you were deaf, it was most likely thought that it was because of the sin of you or your parents. You stand out in your village, but, you must have a few friends because they brought you to Jesus and begged him to heal you and you could finally hear the ‘good news’. Today, this is what we are charged to do for all we meet – to share the “good news”. We have received the faith from others and must pass it on and that is the reason we have to begin this mission, this ministry.

Let me try to explain what an *interpreter* is and what they do based upon my past experiences. During my 4 years at St. Francis Seminary, in preparation for ordination to the diaconate, we had the privilege and honor to share our time with Martin Keller who, upon ordination, would become the first deaf deacon in the archdiocese. In order for Martin to communicate with us, his classmates and the instructors, there were two interpreters with us from the start of the day with mass to its ending with prayer.

A professional sign language interpreter translates between the spoken language and a form of manual communication, better known as “sign language”. Yes, it is a language, just as English, Spanish, Latin, etc.. An interpreter must be fluent in both the spoken language and the signed language in order to accurately convey the message, because ASL (American Sign Language) does not follow English grammar rules.

The interpreter at mass will be standing at the edge of the sanctuary facing the deaf community, but in a “sight line” to the person speaking. (reader, cantor, deacon or priest). At first, this may seem as a distraction, but, believe me, as time goes by, you will not even be aware he/she is there. You might even pick up on a few signs yourself, like the signs for alleluia, amen, peace, etc.

We ask that you all welcome those of the deaf community as it probably will grow in number “as the word gets out”. Finally, I would like to share a few closing thoughts with you from a document titled, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”.

There are many things that you as an individual can do to help people with disabilities feel welcome in church, so that all may bring their gifts to the altar of God.

I will treat ALL people as PEOPLE FIRST - as I would like to be treated.

I will SPEAK DIRECTLY to a person with a disability, not only to the nearby family member, companion, interpreter, or canine companion.

I will SHAKE HANDS when introduced to a person with a disability. (Persons with limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb may shake hands. Shaking the left hand is OK, too.)

I will place myself at EYE LEVEL, in front, for easy conversation with a person in a wheelchair, with crutches, or with a walker.

I will OFFER ASSISTANCE AND WAIT until the offer is accepted. I will wait and then ask for instructions,

I will be PATIENT AND WAIT for the person with difficulty speaking, rather than speaking for the person. I may help by asking short questions that require short answers, a nod, or a shake of the head.

I will see the WHOLENESS OF SPIRIT beneath the surface of someone with a disability and overcome the tendency to turn away or ignore the person.

I will TREAT ADULTS with developmental disabilities AS ADULTS, not as children. I will use first names only when using the same familiarity for all persons.

I will get the attention of someone who is hearing-impaired (deaf) by LIGHTLY TAPPING their elbow or shoulder, or by WAVING MY HAND. I will look directly at the person and speak slowly, clearly and expressively to establish if the person can read lips.

I will guide a person with visual impairments by GIVING VERBAL CLUES to steps, curbs, doors, etc.

As we go forward as a community celebrating “life in Christ” may we all remember the prayer said at baptism, the Ephphetha,

“The Lord made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak. May he touch our ears to receive His word and our mouths to proclaim His Faith to the praise and glory of God the Father.”

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Mike and the Staff of St. James

ST. JAMES LITURGY INVOLVEMENT INVITING CHILDREN, YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES

Our community prayer, the liturgy of the Eucharist or the Mass is at the heart of being Catholic Christians. It forms us as children of God and challenges us to live the Gospel. Involvement of your family can only make your experience of worship and that of the parish richer. We need to foster involvement in the liturgy for all ages. Note the many opportunities below.

Acolytes. For Grade 5 and up. Youth are able to help our adult acolytes during Sunday Mass. If your older son or daughter would be interested in this ministry, contact Peggy Troestler (246-9921).

Art & Environment. People are always needed to help prepare our worship space for prayer. You could help design ways to make the space beautiful; do sewing or simply help set up or take down seasonal materials in church which is a great family project! Contact Sue Mangan 262-366-1211.



Eucharistic Ministers. Older teens and adults can help share the Eucharist with God's people. Training is provided to help make this ministry meaningful. (contact Mary Syverson at 246-8834.)

Greeters. Your family could become active in the Greeter Ministry. Contact Dee Ooton (246-6115) if you are interested and, if so, how often you can serve the parish in this special way.

Liturgical Dance. All are welcome—call Sue Mangan at 366-1211.

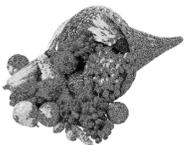
Music Ministers. Do you sing? Do you play an instrument (drums, percussion, guitar, other strings, flute, horn)? Join one of our choirs, who practice on Mondays at 7 pm in church or Wednesdays at 7 pm in church. Contact Barb (251-3944, ext. 101) to find out more or simply show up. No rehearsals the first Monday and Wednesday of the month.

Petition Readers. For Grades 3 and up. To participate as a petition reader, it would be best if your child has a desire to help us pray, is comfortable with reading aloud and projecting their voice with feeling, and can be part of a short practice before the weekend he/she will read. We need parents to help the children during Mass, and adults to become lectors themselves! All interested lectors contact Bob Stolarczyk (246-6505).

Presentation of the Gifts. All families are welcome. Please check in with an usher 10 minutes prior to Mass.

Ushers. Youth can help in this ministry with a parent mentor usher to guide them. Consider joining the ushers as a parent/child team! For more information, contact Tom Pinzl at 414-614-0298 or Barb Schuelke at 251-3944 ext. 101.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



November 22nd, Thanksgiving
9:00 am in Church

December 24, Christmas Eve
3:30 pm in the Church and Community Center
5:30 pm in Church
10:00 pm Christmas Concert in Church
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 25, Christmas Day
9:00 am Christmas Mass



Liturgical Dancing

Singing is the JOY of the VOICE --if used in Liturgy it is a PRAYER

Dancing is the JOY of the BODY - if used in Liturgy it is a PRAYER.

WE have several young people that would love to Dance in Prayer--

But they need adult leadership to help prepare them.

If you would like to lead & inspire our Liturgical Dancers,
Please call Sue at 262-366-1211.

JACOB'S LADDER

In November we honor & remember in a special way, those that have died. A Jacob's Ladder will be situated in the alcove next to the Baptismal font--- bring pictures of your loved ones and place on the Jacob's Ladder. These will remain there for the month of November. (please put your name & phone # on the back of the picture)

HUMAN CONCERNS

Human Concerns Priority Relationships – Repairers of the Breach

What does it mean to be a faith community in support of Repairers of the Breach?

It means solidarity with the poorest of the poor.

“The ancient ruins shall be rebuilt for your sake and the foundations from ages past you shall raise up. ‘Repairers of the Breach,’ they shall call you, ‘Restorers of ruined households.’” Isaiah 58:12

Repairers of the Breach (1335 West Vliet St.) is the only day time homeless shelter in Milwaukee. The uniqueness of this shelter is that it is also homeless-governed. It serves between 130-150 homeless adults each day by providing:

- Food, clothing, and shelter from daytime elements
- Access to showers (privacy, hot water, soap, shampoo, clean towels).
- Drug, alcohol, anger management and violence reduction counseling.
- Members with a sense of community in a safe, sociable, living room setting.
- Access to telephone & mail service for return address & telephone number for employment call backs.
- Tutoring and helps individuals obtain their GED/HSED & helps researching Birth Certificates.
- Administrative help in filling out job applications & other health & welfare forms.

Assistance with employment, housing, treatment programs, family reunification and new levels in education.

In short, Repairers of the Breach helps members of its homeless community transition to a more mainstream way of life.

Needs and Service Opportunities

Collections/Drives: Donations, Personal Hygiene items, Food service items, socks, underwear, toiletries, towels, clothing of all kinds, etc.

Clothing Bank (Saturdays): Help process clothing donations in their “Boston Store” by sorting, arranging and bagging donated clothing items.

Brown Bag Lunches: Bring lunches to feed 75 clientele, break bread & share Gospel reflection.

Tutoring: Tutor in reading comprehension, writing, math, science & social studies.

Laundering: Pick up soiled towels, wash them and deliver back to the Center.

Drivers: Provide on call driver assistance for donation deliveries or transporting homeless to special events or appointments.

Misc.: Bulk Mailings, Yard/Garden work, Social Gathering Participation, Admin Assistance

For more information & center contacts/ph #'s, call Tom& Toni Bohmann 262-628-6323

Mark your calendars: Repairers will be @ St James the weekend of Dec 29/30th. See the bulletin for more details.

THANK YOU'S FOR TITHES MADE BY ST. JAMES

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 other vital resources, educational opportunities and much more for 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. Up to date information on our needs and programs is available online at sussexareasos.org. Thank you for your kindness,

Jennifer Waltz,
Executive Director

Dear Members of St. James Congregation,

Thank you very much for your donation which was a big help with our transport costs, as you can see from the enclosed freight bill. Since the first of December we have shipped 1,247,300 lbs of supplies to missions in Paraguay, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Chile, Peru, Tanzania, Honduras, Kenya, Guatemala, and Panama, costing us \$238,690 for transport. We continue to receive many more requests for help, and I've enclosed a couple of thank yous.

Dear Brother Regis,
I thank God that finally the container for the corn meal was released to N.C.S. today. We are most grateful to you and all your dedicated workers, helpers and benefactors for such a wonderful work you are doing for God and His people.

The corn meal we get from you has always been a delightful welcome news to us and the needy people we share with. May God continue to bless you for making people happy.
Sr. Faustina Hasford, SJ
Superior General

I am sorry! This letter is long over due. We have been real busy here in Dodoma and Manyoni. The rains were very abnormal this year in many areas of Tanzania. Some places got no rain others floods. The government was 2 months relocating people affected by floods in the Dar es Salaam area.

In this central region of Tanzania we normally have people who are hungry. This happens because some are subsistent farmers. The amount of food they grow will not take them through to the next growing season. . . .The corn meal helps many who are really in need. Thank you very much for your work. Please extend our thanks to all who help you to make this great work a reality.
Sincerely yours,
Fr. Tim Coday Cpps
Manager CPPS Mission Water Project

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Family Movement (CFM)

Looking for stimulating discussion, faith-based action, and socializing in the new year? Christian Family Movement (CFM) is beginning here at St. James. Individuals and couples are invited to join! CFM provides a time and place for adult parishioners to share values, faith, and a place to experience Jesus in their lives and the lives of their families. CFM is a way of life that develops everyday Christians. Its goal is to bring people together to form a faith-filled Christian community guided by love of family, love of Church and service to others. The format consists of meeting together monthly in small groups in the homes of parishioners for scripture reflection, discussion, calls to action, and socializing. Discussions are based on national CFM materials. If you are interested in being a part of CFM in 2013, please contact Peg Flahive in the Christian Formation Office, flahivep@archmil.org or 262-253-2915. We hope you will consider joining!

All Saints Day is around the corner

You are invited to start thinking about this today. All children are invited to attend **the 6:00 p.m. mass on November 1st**, dressed as a Saint. You can get a Saint story from the CF office, look one up online, or research your own saint name. When you come to church on November 1st you can dress as your saint, carry a symbol of your saint, or make a poster of your saint. If you need help, or have questions, contact Sue Devine-Simon at devinesimons@archmil.org or 253-2904. "Oh When the Saints go marching in..."



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A Spotlight on Sacred Scripture

at Good Shepherd Parish – N88 W17658 Christman Rd. Menomonee Falls

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 11
From 9:45 to 11:45 am**

with Dr. Donald Rappé, Ph.D

"Spirit and Community in Luke-Acts: A Distinctive Vision"

This first session will focus on the world of Luke-Acts, with special attention to historical context, the character of the writings, and their special themes.

"Spirit and Community in Luke-Acts: 'There was not a needy person among them'"

This second session will focus on ways of being that are modeled by Jesus (in Luke) and by the early believers in Jerusalem (in Acts), touching upon the concept of inclusivity and the character of early Christian patronage.

Dr. Rappé is Associate Professor of Theology at Mount Mary College. He has taught extensively in Israel, the West Bank, the Sinai Desert, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. In addition, he is the author of the "Seers' Corner" feature in the bi-monthly national journal, *The Bible Today*, and is a longtime member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Catholic Biblical Association of America.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

November 2012

1 CF Offices Closed

2 SOAL

4 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Mtg. 9:00
 CF Classes-MS/HS 4:30 & 6:30 pm

5 CF Classes-MS/HS 6:30 pm

6 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00 & 6:30 pm
 No Scripture Study

8 Catholics Returning Home 7-9 pm St. Anthony's
 Community Banquet 5:30 pm

9 SOAL

10 FtCS 8:00 am-noon

11 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
GIFT
 CF Classes-MS/HS & Confirmation 4:30 & 6:30

12 CF Classes-MS/HS & Confirmation 6:30

13 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00 & 6:30 pm
GIFT
No Scripture Study

15 Catholics Returning Home 7-9 pm St. Anthony's

16 **SOAL - Potluck**

18 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
Youth Mass 10:15 am
 Mini Work Camp Reunion Dinner
No CF Classes for MS/HS

19 **No CF Classes for MS/HS**

20 **CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00 & 6:30 pm**
 Scripture Study 6:30 pm

21 St. Ben's

22 **No Community Banquet**

25 **NO CF CLASSES - ALL GRADES**

26 **NO CF CLASSES - ALL GRADES**

27 **NO CF CLASSES - ALL GRADES**
Celebration of Reconciliation for 2nd Grade
 Scripture Study 6:30 pm

28 **Celebration of Reconciliation for 2nd Grade**

December 2012

1 Aluminum Can Drive
 Holly Days

2 Holly Days
 Aluminum Can Drive
B.O.W. 8:15
 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
CF Classes-MS/HS & Confirmation 4:30 & 6:30

3 **CF Classes-MS/HS & Confirmation 4:30 & 6:30**

4 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00 & 6:30 pm
 Scripture Study 6:30

8 FtCS 8:00 am-noon

9 B.O.W. 8:15
 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15; Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
GIFT
No CF Classes MS/HS

10 **No CF Classes MS/HS**

11 CF Classes Gr. 1-5 5:00 & 6:30 pm
GIFT
 No Scripture Study

13 Community Banquet

16 B.O.W. 8:15
 CF Classes 4K/5K 8:15;
CF - Christmas Program Gr. 1-5 9:30 am
No CF Classes MS/HS

17 **No CF Classes MS/HS**

18 **CF - Christmas Program Gr. 1-5 5:00 & 6:30**
 No Scripture Study

19 St. Ben's

20 No RCIA

23 B.O.W. 8:15
NO CF CLASSES - ALL GRADES

25 No Scripture Study

27 **No Community Banquet**



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

Healthcare Information from the Parish Nurse

One of the National Health Observances for the month of November is Alzheimer’s disease. It is estimated that 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease. What is Alzheimer’s disease? It is an illness of the brain. It causes large numbers of nerve cells in the brain to die. This affects a person’s ability to remember things, think clearly, and use good judgement. Doctors don’t know what causes the disease. They do know that most of the time it begins after age 60. People can have trouble doing everyday things like driving a car, cooking a meal, or paying bills. They may get lost easily and find even simple things confusing. Seeing the doctor when you first start having memory problems can help you find out what’s causing your forgetfulness. If you have Alzheimer’s, finding the disease early gives you and your family more time to plan for your treatment and care. Your doctor may give you a medical check up, ask questions about your family’s health, test your memory, problem-solving, counting and language skills, check your blood and urine and even do a brain scan that will show pictures of your brain. There are medicines your doctor can prescribe to help slow down the process. If you are already caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease there are many support groups for you as the caregiver. There are also adult day care services for your loved one to give you respite. Each day brings new challenges when a family member is living with Alzheimer’s disease. Know that you and your loved one with this diagnosis are never alone; help is available for both of you as well as the whole family in coping with this disease. For more information see the National Alzheimer’s organization at www.alz.org/index.asp; a voluntary organization established in 1980. I am always available as well to connect you with services your family may need when coping with Alzheimer’s disease.

Remember always, God is “the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Information on Alzheimer’s disease taken from the National Institute on Aging at NIA.NIH.GOV website on understanding alzheimers disease.

A NOTE FROM THE Parish Nurse: Pam Dennis

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love” – Mother Teresa

Hospital and homebound visits are a large part of my health ministry to the parishioners here at St. James that I would say are part of my “small things that I do with great love”. In order to better serve you, if anyone has a family member who is hospitalized please call the rectory or my number: (262) 250-2663 and let us know the information of what hospital and room number they are in. Father Mike, Daryl or myself would be happy to visit and bring Communion. At present with all of the privacy acts in place to protect your health information, such as HIPPA, we are no longer able to get a list of parishioners from the local hospitals. We need to count on each of you to help us. If you would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please call the rectory so that Father Mike can be notified of that request. Also, if there is anyone who is homebound that could use a visit please let me know. Ann, the previous parish nurse, did leave me a list of parishioners that she visited. I have been gradually visiting these people in the afternoons on the days I am working. I appreciate your help with this information so I can better serve you all here at St. James .



EXPECTING A BABY? JUST HAD A BABY? BAPTISM INFORMATION!

If you are expecting a baby or have had a baby, we are pleased to help you prepare for your child's baptism. The community of St. James wishes to celebrate this sacrament with you. Upcoming baptisms are scheduled as follows:

- November 17th and 18th
- December 29th and 30th
- January 12th and 13th (second Sunday, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.)
- February 9th and 10th (Last scheduled weekend liturgies before Lent!)

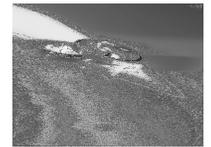
Here is some other basic information about celebrating baptism at St. James.

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 the second Saturday.
4. So that baptisms may be as personal as possible only four baptisms are scheduled for any Mass. So registered early!

Call Daryl Olszewski at 262-253-2213 for more information.



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 November 23-25, 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

MINI-WORKCAMP REUNION DINNER

The Cooperating Churches of Sussex is hosting a Mini-Workcamp Reunion Dinner for those residents who participated in this past Spring's Mini-Workcamp. The dinner will be prepared and served by the adults and youth who had participated in Mini-Workcamp. This is where our annual Thanksgiving Dinner had sprung from.

The annual dinner had gotten so large in the number who came to the dinner as well as the number of volunteers participating that it was getting very difficult to manage, so it was decided to take it back to its origin with its tie to Mini-Workcamp. We hope in doing this to have more seniors interested in the spring in having the youth under the supervision of an adult, come to their home and help with raking leaves, cleaning gutters and windows, and other spring clean up tasks on April 20th.

We are asking parishioners of the Cooperating Churches of Sussex if they would be able to help in providing some of the food for the Mini-Workcamp Reunion Dinner. We are serving the traditional Thanksgiving foods:

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| Turkey (Cooked & sliced) | 10 lbs of potatoes (peeled & sliced) |
| Pie, bars, cake, cookies | Large bag(s) of frozen green beans |
| Jar(s) of pickles | Large bag(s) of frozen corn |
| 13 x 9 prepared pan of stuffing | Large can of sweet potatoes |
| Dozen rolls | Can(s) of cranberries |
| Jar(s) of Olives | Tub(s) of Cool Whip |
| Jar(s) of Gravy | Jar(s) of Applesauce |



Please call Diana at 253-2235 or email her at wyszkowskid@archmil.org with what you are willing to donate and the quantity so that we know what is needed yet. If you prefer to fill out a form with items you can bring, check out the website at www.stjames-parish.net under *Announcements* or pick up a form at the Information Center in the Gathering Space.

*****Please drop off food donations at St. James between 9 am & Noon on Saturday, November 17th and mark your item "Mini-Workcamp Reunion Dinner". Thank you for your help.**

Holly Days

Saturday, Dec. 1st 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 2nd 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



Holly Days is quickly approaching and we are planning a fun weekend. However, we need your help. Listed below are ways in which you can donate items to help make this a success.

Silent Auction Donations

This year we are hoping to expand on the Silent Auction for Holly Days.

Are you a business owner who would like to donate a service or maybe a product?

Example might be: A furnace tune-up,
 Paint a room,
 Refinish a deck. (Or, some other ideas – all are welcome)

Or others suggestions could be:

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Vacation Timeshares, Vacations Homes/Packages | Golf Packages |
| Spa Packages | Sports Tickets |
| Marcus Tickets | Symphony Tickets |
| Theater Tickets | Dinner gift certificate |

Please contact Wendy Crisci @ 262-246-8647 or Kathy Hackbarth @ 262-703-9553.

Secret Santa Workshop

Santa's Workshop gives children the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for their parents and family members. To make this possible we need to re stock Santa's shop. **New** items are needed for men, women and children. Donation boxes for Secret Santa will be in the Gathering Area through November 26th

Used Book Sale

Books, CD's, DVD's and Videos. Please no encyclopedias or magazines. Donation boxes are available in the Gathering Area through November 26th.

Theme Basket Donations

There are 9-theme baskets ideas, please donate according to one of the themes:

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Wine/Liquor | Games | Coffee/Tea |
| Golf/Sports | Movie Night | Kids Craft |
| Cleaning Supplies | Spa | Candy/Chocolate |

If you are donating an entire basket, please drop off the basket at St. James Parish Office.

If you are donating item(s) for a basket(s), please drop off item(s) in the boxes marked for Holly Days Theme Basket in the Gathering Space at church by November 18th.

Holly Days Bake Sale

It's time to start baking and freezing for the Holly Days bake sale. We need a lot of bakery goods and treats!

Tree Decorating Contest -NEW

We are seeking parish members to participate in Holly Days' new contest "**Decorate a Tree**"! There will be about 10 trees set up and ready for you to decorate. This will be on a first come first serve basis so call us to let us know that you want to decorate. You bring your own decorations and decorate your tree on Saturday. Your tree must be completely decorated by 4:00 pm Saturday. During the Holly Days event people will be encouraged to vote for their favorite trees. The two trees that received the most votes will receive prizes. After Holly Days is over you un-decorate your tree and take your decorations home with you.

You can decorate a tree as a family, group of friends, or individually.

We are looking forward to your beautifully decorated tree!

Contact Marie Goergen - 262-252-4537 or Wendy Dye 262-246-3460 if you wish to participate.

Volunteers For Holly Days

We need a lot of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, decorating, baking, selling tickets, helping in booths, plus much more. Sign up sheets will be available in the gathering area on November 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25.

Watch for more information in the up coming bulletins.

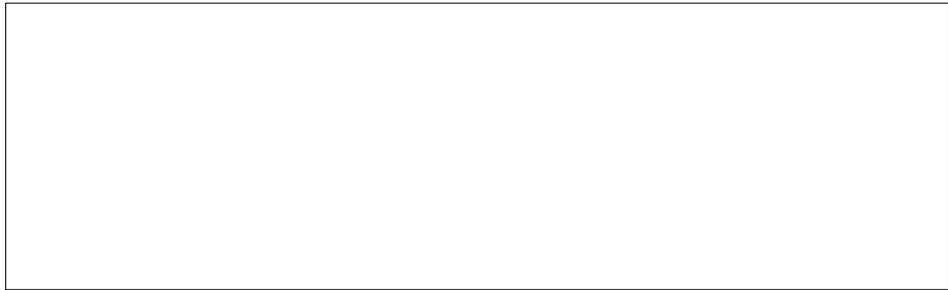
ST. JAMES CONGREGATION
Annual Financial Summary
Year Ended 6/30/2012

| | <u>ACTUAL</u> 2008-2009 | <u>ACTUAL</u> 2009-2010 | <u>ACTUAL</u> 2010-2011 | <u>ACTUAL</u> 2011-2012 | <u>BUDGET</u> 2011-2012 | <u>BUDGET</u> 2012-2013 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Weekly Envelopes | 960,043 | 960,720 | 970,865 | 944,419 | 1,012,835 | 980,000 |
| Offertory | 59,679 | 65,761 | 63,099 | 59,265 | 66,190 | 65,040 |
| Mortgage Obligation | 185,636 | 179,293 | 169,962 | 164,290 | 205,248 | 172,200 |
| Designated Income | 70,625 | 100,252 | 240,269 | 98,483 | 54,805 | 82,600 |
| Other Church Income | 199,841 | 220,610 | 216,529 | 199,831 | 188,830 | 173,600 |
| Total Revenue | 1,475,824 | 1,526,636 | 1,660,724 | 1,466,288 | 1,527,908 | 1,473,440 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Litgury | 21,403 | 20,451 | 20,979 | 22,455 | 30,200 | 26,000 |
| Music Department | 6,058 | 7,593 | 5,883 | 7,190 | 13,600 | 12,200 |
| Christian Formation | 352,423 | 350,085 | 362,628 | 366,107 | 348,234 | 357,831 |
| Adult/R.C.I.A. Ministry | 7,807 | 8,606 | 11,759 | 9,238 | 10,970 | 10,575 |
| Health Ministry | 3,652 | 4,128 | 2,478 | 2,818 | 3,650 | 3,200 |
| Human Concerns | 42,936 | 32,822 | 28,916 | 29,859 | 33,650 | 19,850 |
| Administrative | 580,191 | 583,034 | 639,498 | 602,919 | 573,826 | 596,660 |
| Pastoral Ministry | 823 | 1,032 | 637 | 1,989 | 2,950 | 3,850 |
| Parish Council | 36,728 | 6,826 | 6,960 | 12,319 | 6,495 | 6,575 |
| Buildings and Grounds | 263,975 | 260,148 | 277,229 | 290,122 | 269,660 | 270,570 |
| Capital Improvements | 7,000 | - | 50,001 | 39,697 | - | - |
| Rectory | 25,259 | 25,235 | 11,812 | 40,833 | 6,960 | 23,940 |
| Cemetery | 3,815 | 3,257 | 5,102 | - | 5,361 | 4,270 |
| Fundraising Expenses | - | 23,057 | 39,887 | 7,783 | 24,850 | 25,800 |
| Other Collections | 6,733 | 18,431 | 17,559 | 12,448 | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 1,358,803 | 1,344,705 | 1,481,328 | 1,445,777 | 1,330,406 | 1,361,321 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | 117,021 | 181,931 | 179,396 | 20,511 | 197,502 | 112,119 |
| Mortgage Principal Paid | (180,000) | (150,377) | (160,847) | (172,047) | | |
| Current Liabilities | (9,021) | (6,211) | (10,463) | 100,112 | | |
| Investments Converted | 35,517 | | 4,204 | 2,439 | | |
| NET CASH FLOW | | 22,808 | 12,290 | | 197,502 | 112,119 |
| Beginning Cash Balance | 63,973 | 27,490 | 50,298 | 62,588 | | |
| Ending Cash Balance | 27,490 | 50,298 | 62,588 | 13,605 | | |
| Remaining Mortgage Balance | 881,146 | 730,770 | 569,922 | 397,875 | | |



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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 2012

- | <u>DATE:</u> | <u>EVENT:</u> |
|--------------|--|
| 1: | All Saints Day: Mass at 8:00 am & 6:00 pm All Offices are closed. |
| 3: | Blessing for Engaged Couples, 4:30 Mass |
| 3/4: | Fellowship Weekend |
| 6: | Polling Place for Elections |
| 7: | All Committee Meeting Night, 7:00 pm |
| 8: | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm |
| 10: | Mass of Remembrance, 11:00 am |
| 13: | KC's Board Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 14: | Dartball, 6:00 pm |
| | St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm |
| | Parish Council, 7:00 pm |
| 16: | St. James Senior Club, 12:00 pm |
| 17: | Food drop off for Mini-Workcamp Dinner, 9 am |
| 18: | Mini-Workcamp Reunion Dinner, 3:30– 5:00 |
| 21: | St. Ben's, 4:00 PM |
| 22/23: | All Offices Closed for Thanksgiving MASS at 9:00 am |
| 24: | Lector Prep, 8:00 am |

DECEMBER 2012

- | <u>DATE:</u> | <u>EVENT:</u> |
|--------------|---|
| 1: | Holly Days, 4:00 –8:00 |
| 2: | Holly Days, 8:00 -- 2:00 |
| 3: | All Committee Meeting Night, 7:00 pm |
| 8: | Catholic Knights Christmas Party, 9:00-1 pm |
| | Baptismal Class, 9:30 am |
| | Blood Pressure Screening after Mass |
| 9: | Blood Pressure Screening after Masses |
| 12: | Dartball, 6:00 pm |
| | St. Vincent de Paul, 7:00 pm |
| | Parish Council, 7:00 pm |
| 13: | Community Banquet, 5:30 pm |
| 14: | KC's Board Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 19: | St. Ben's, 4:00 pm |
| 20: | KC's Christmas Party, 7:30 pm |
| 21: | St. James Senior Club, 12:00 pm |
| 24: | Christmas Eve Masses at 3:30, 5:30 & 10:30 |
| 25: | Christmas Mass at 9:00 |
| 26: | Common Threads Quilting Guild, 9:00 am |
| 29: | Lector Prep, 8:00 am |

Please see page 7 for Calendar of Events for the Christian Formation Department