Thanks to all of the great helpers who made Vacation Bible School a huge success. The participants were amazing too! The week made us fly sky high! We will always remember, no matter what happens to "trust God"
Should Faith and Politics Mix?

What’s your moral compass? Does your Christian faith steer your thoughts and actions at home and at your workplace? What about in society? Does it affect the way you vote? As Christians we are called to see and respect the dignity of all people and to work for the common good, but what does that mean in today’s political environment?

Given the divisive political world we live in, it is easy to shut down in frustration rather than step forward and engage in the process. Our Catholic faith tells us being passive is not an option. As we realize God works through all people, we can learn new ways to listen to each other and to hear each others experience. By understanding that the core beliefs of our Catholic faith lead us to move past polarization, beyond labels and toward active listening, we are more able to see today’s issues through God’s eyes.

Politics and religion do mix when Christianity is at your core
Join Fr. Chuck Schramm of St. Mary’s Hales Corners and Debra Schneider of St. James to: Explore the Catholic spiritual foundation of politics and conscience formation. Learn, in a safe environment, how to move civility back into your discussions about politics and community.

Two Presentation/Dialogue Opportunities
Attend one or both sessions

Sunday – September 30 - 12 noon to 1:30 pm
Location: St. James Community Center
Optional Lunch 11:30 am to 12 noon [free will donation]
Civil Dialogue/Small Group Listening Topic: Care for the poor and budget priorities

Tuesday – October 2 - 6 to 7:30 pm
Location: St. James Community Center
Optional Dinner 5:30 -6 pm [free will donation]
Civil Dialogue/Small Group Listening Topic: Human dignity and healthcare issues

Register by Sunday, September 23 with the Christian Formation Office at 262-253-2902 or email beimborm@archmil.org

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
This program is presented as part of the St. James GIFT program
The Human Concerns Commissions of Good Shepherd, St. James, and St. Mary present

Opportunities to Engage in Civil Dialog

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“Freedom of speech and respect for others, freedom of expression and regard for the truth, should always be woven together.”
- Cardinal Donald Wuerl,
Archbishop of Washington -

Spirituality of Nonviolence with
Rev. Simon Harak, SJ

Saturday, September 8, 2012
9:00am-3:30pm at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine
This day of reflection provides what many have called a “life changing” experience of the Nonviolent Jesus of the Gospels.

For more information call 262-639-4100 x 1234 or on the web at www.SienaRetreatCenter.org

Voting With a Catholic Conscience with Lincoln Rice

Sunday, September 23 9:45am - 10:45am
At the Good Shepherd Parish – Church Hall

This session will address the principles at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching and how these can be applied to inform our consciences relative to addressing the important, and often controversial, issues of our day.

For more information contact Jane Clare at ishiiguroj@archmil.org or 262-255-2035
I’d like to share with you a note from my friend, Sister Angela, a Medical Mission Sister serving in Tanzania.

“Thanks Mike for the fund raising at the Vacation Bible school and for raising $480 for Elizabeth’s children. I told Elizabeth. She sends our thanks and gratitude to all of you that are supporting her and family. Please convey her thanks to the people concerned. Elizabeth told me that the children are doing well at school and now they are finishing the FORM TWO SECONDARY SCHOOL. NEXT YEAR THEY WILL START FORM THREE. THEY ARE HOPING TO STUDY UP TO FORM SIX SECONDARY SCHOOL. Her children are in Day school not boarding.”

I will be wiring $750 in the fall, which is the total cost for the three children for one semester. It’s a great response our children and families gave this past week at VBS. I need $260 more to complete the amount for fall. If you are able to add to this, make the check out to me. I use my checking account to send the money directly. I’m told this is the most secure way. Here is a picture of the children, a girl, Anna, the smaller one, and two boys, Msafiri and Oscar.

When I was in West Bend the parishioners chipped in to help their mother start a business of raising chickens. I thought you’d enjoy seeing a picture of “Tanzanian chickens!” Thanks again, Fr. Mike
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

October 14th Festival of Faith at St. James

Save the date! On October 14th, as a kick-off to the worldwide Year of Faith, St. James Parish will host a “Festival of Faith.” This event is part of the GIFT program (Growing In Faith Together) but is open to all parishioners and to our cluster parishes as well. The Festival is intended to bring together parishioners of all ages to “celebrate” our Catholic faith. Following our 10:15 Mass, a simple lunch will be available for purchase in the Community Center. Interactive sessions will run throughout the Festival for families and parishioners of all ages. A sampling of the topics includes: faith trivia, gardening the Field of Dreams, faith and technology, learning about the saints, making prayer shawls, touring the chapel and cemetery, pumpkin carving and faith, praying in color, Bible stories for children, mission trip and more! We will conclude the Festival with lively music in the Church. Please plan to attend and watch for more details in the bulletin and on our parish website.

Special Bible Study

You are invited to join us for a discussion of Fools, Liars, Cheaters and Other Bible Heroes by Barbara Hosbach, a book from the Franciscan Media – at Good Shepherd Parish, N88 W17658 Christian Rd in the Falls, on Wednesday mornings (9-11 am) starting September 19. This book will acquaint you with both well-known and little-known biblical characters, each with their own imperfections, whom God was able to use throughout salvation history – reminding us that God often uses the least likely among us to spread God’s love and truth. Cost (for the book) $14. Contact Jane Clare to register by Friday, September 7 at 262 255 2035 or ishiguroj@archmil.org.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR GIFT – the intergenerational religious education program offered by St. James. Please visit the parish website for dates, details on-line registration. GIFT is offered once a month on Sundays and Tuesdays and begins on September 9 and 11.

Parables of the Kingdom Bible Study

Would you like to gain a deeper understanding of the parables of Jesus? If so please, consider becoming a part of this upcoming, dynamic small-group Bible study. Please join us as we will begin a 6-week study session entitled Parables of the Kingdom published by the Little Rock Scripture Study program. This study will focus on Jesus’ parables, which truly offer each of a glimpse into the Kingdom of God and invite us to think in new and fresh ways as we strive to make the message of Jesus’ parables come alive in our lives today.

Jim Waters will facilitate this six-week study. We will meet in the St. Therese Room on the following six Saturdays: October 20, 27, and November 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 2:30-4:30 PM. This study will include at each session a DVD presentation and an interactive review of the homework assignments in the student workbook. Group interaction will be a big plus. Yes! Homework – and you will need to bring your Bible.

Note: This is a continuation of the Parables of the Kingdom, Part 1. There is no requirement to have attended Part I in order to participate in this Bible Study. The only difference will be in your cost for the materials. Those who attended the first study will not need to purchase the textbook, but everyone should buy the Student Study Guide and Answer Guide.

Cost: if you have the text, the Student Study Guide and Answer Guide is $10.50. If you need all the materials: the text, the Student Study Guide, and Answer Guide, the total cost is $16.25. The DVD series will be provided at no cost.

To register, please call Jim Waters @ 414-418-2137 or email him at mjh2os@yahoo.com. The deadline is September 27.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. James, St. Mary, St. Agnes, St. Anthony and Good Shepherd parishes will offer a six week series entitled “Catholics Returning Home” beginning on Oct. 4th. The series will be held at St. Anthony’s in Menomonee Falls. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers about returning to the Church. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Laverne at 262-251-3968 or Shirley at 262-251-3888.

2012-2013 Christian Formation Registration

If you haven’t done so, don’t forget to register for Christian Formation classes, which begin on Sept 16.

The same registration form is used for both traditional and GIFT classes. It can be found online at www.stjames-parish.net; under the Christian Formation link. Don’t forget to submit your volunteer form and $50 registration fee at the time of registration.

Call the CF office at 251-0897 or email beim-bornm@archmil.org with any questions.
## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

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Hello, my name is Pam Dennis and I am honored to be your new Parish Nurse. I have been a nurse for 29 years and enjoyed every minute of my service to others. I'd like to share with you a little bit about myself and my experience in nursing. I am a retired Navy Nurse after serving 24 years. My duty stations brought me all over the U.S. and also to Italy and Germany. I have worked in critical care, maternity, medical/surgical and neonatal intensive care nursing. I taught at an Emergency Medical Technician school for Navy Corpsmen and was in charge of medical recruiting for the New England states. My most rewarding job in the Navy was when I deployed from 2006-2007 to Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Germany where I took care of our wounded soldiers/sailors from Iraq and Afghanistan. To know that I was entrusted with someone’s father, mother, brother or sister was a huge responsibility; but one that I knew was made possible with God’s healing hands with me throughout that year. I currently work at Community Memorial Hospital a few days a month in nursing administration. My family and I moved to Sussex, WI in 2001 and have been members of St. James Parish ever since that time. My husband, Brian and I have two busy teenagers, Brian and Brianna who are 16 and 14 years old. I look forward to working with all of the St. James Parish members in whatever capacity of my health ministry can help you. I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill following Ann Sardegna’s wonderful job over the last 8 years. Some of the Health Ministries that are coordinated through the Parish Nurse are: Blood Pressure Screening, Meal Donations, Cards to Homebound/Ill Parishioners, Prayer Shawls and Home/Hospital visits bringing Communion. If any of you are interested in volunteering with one of these very rewarding opportunities to serve our fellow parishioners or would like to be a part of the Health Ministry Committee please contact me. You can also stop by the Health Ministry table during Stewardship Fair weekend and learn more about volunteer opportunities. As Saint Francis of Assisi said, “The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today”. My office is located directly to the left of the door to the community center-north side. Please stop by and say hello!

Gardening is like a partnership with God. You do your part and God does his. This partnership has been working pretty well. We’ve donated quite a bit of food to the Cooperating Churches of Sussex’s (CCOS) food pantry and we’re just starting to get ripe tomato and peppers. This is where the poundage of our donations really ramps up. If you look at the newly developed Field of Hope garden, you’ll notice beds full of tomatoes and peppers. Part of that abundance is due to our volunteer’s efforts to keep up the watering and the other part has been God’s summer sun and heat. Although we might not appreciate the heat some of the time, the tomatoes and peppers thrive on it. The garden volunteers installed a drip watering system in the tomato beds controlled by a timer. Every day the timer kicks “on” for an hour. The drip watering system precisely delivers one gallon of water through a continuous drip at the base of each tomato’s stem. No waste of water (the water goes straight to the roots of the plant), no mold or mildew on plant leaves and no burnt spots from the sun’s magnification of heat through the lens of a water droplet left on the leaves from sprinkling. As part of our efforts to help educate people on the varieties of tomato and pepper plants, you’ll also notice clipboards hanging from posts on the ends of each bed. There you will find a layout of the different varieties of plants in each bed. This educational component of our gardening will also help us with our application to be designated as a Master Gardener’s site, another partnership we’d like to form. This designation comes from the University of Wisconsin Extension. Gardeners who go through their educational course and become Master Gardeners must complete a number of community service hours each year to maintain their credentials. We currently have three parish members who are Master Gardeners and who volunteer at our garden but don’t get credit. If St. James obtains the designation as a Master Gardener’s site, we’d attract other Master Gardeners to partner with us at St. James. They’d help us further develop our gardens, our produce, and our donations of vegetables to the food pantry. If you’d like to learn more about our gardens or join our group: call (414) 587-1202 or email pschneider@wi.rr.com. Thank you all for supporting our community gardens, our garden volunteers and the CCOS food pantry and their clients.
**ENGAGED ??**

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**—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

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**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 so we generally schedule the baptisms during Masses on the weekend of the third Sunday of the month. Upcoming baptisms are scheduled as follows:

- September 15th and 16th
- October 20th and 21st
- November 17th and 18th
- None in December
- January 12th and 13th (second Sunday, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.)

Here is some other 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 the second Saturday.
- 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.

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**MEN’S PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY**

The Tuesday Morning Men’s Prayer and Bible Study which is now in 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.

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**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.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books once again and they are ready to be used. The price is the same as in the past, $35.00. Call Al Nienas at 262-252-3484 if you are interested and if you need your book to be delivered, that can be arranged!

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Pope Benedict XVI has established Year of Faith which the Catholic Church will celebrate from Oct. 11, 2012, to the feast of Christ the King in November, 2013. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this special observance is a graced opportunity for all Catholics to deepen, share and celebrate the richness of their faith in Christ.

Faith is a precious gift offered to us by God and our graced response to his saving initiative in Jesus Christ. In freedom, we choose to believe in, know, love and serve God in this life and to desire eternal union with the Blessed Trinity. No one, not even the Lord himself, can force us into faith, because belief, like love, is a sacred action of our conscience, a choice we make in the deepest part of the self. Religious freedom is the most fundamental of human rights because our relationship with God is the foundation of our existence.

Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, special events and activities will mark the Year of Faith, including an opening Mass at St. John Cathedral on Oct. 11, recognition and formation opportunities for catechists, ecumenical encounters with other believers, and various presentations on differing aspects of the rich deposit of Catholicism.

We encourage all parishes, schools, religious communities and organizations to organize their own celebrations and events to mark this special focus on the extraordinary gift of God’s revelation to us. Beginning this month, a special Web page exclusively dedicated to the Year of Faith is accessible on the archdiocesan website, www.archmil.org/Year-of-Faith.htm. Please post any special activity you will be planning on this page.

As evidenced by even a cursory reading of the Acts of the Apostles, from the day of Pentecost onward, the church has never seen the gift of faith as a private relationship with Christ, to be enjoyed in some spiritual exclusivity.

Immediately after their anointing by the Holy Spirit, the apostles leave the Upper Room and begin to evangelize the people gathered in Jerusalem for the special feast.

In other words, they share their faith in Jesus with others from the very beginning. This proclamation of the crucified and risen Christ as Lord and Savior, indeed as the new meaning of human history, was so magnetically persuasive and emotionally electrifying that 3,000 people were baptized that same day in an explosion of the Holy Spirit. A principal tenet of Alcoholics Anonymous is that the best way to maintain one’s own sobriety is to help others to attain theirs. Similarly, I can only grow in my own faith if I am actively sharing it with others. Faith shared is faith increased, as we mutually witness to and build each other up in Christ.

Perhaps this truth explains why the Holy Father places so much emphasis on evangelization in his writings announcing the Year of Faith. An integral part of belief in Jesus Christ and his Gospel is to confess it to others, in the best sense of that term. Catholic faith held in silent privacy and strict individualism soon evaporates into no faith at all.

Catholic evangelization is not an aggressive proselytism. We do not need to be talking religion constantly or tediously quoting the Bible or the Catechism. If we seek to proclaim Jesus, first of all, we need to actively live our faith, firmly rooted in the Scriptures, the sacraments, daily prayer, parish involvement, service to the poor and sick, and living a moral life. If Christ is not the organizing principle of our daily existence, our Christian witness will suffer a fundamental lack of integrity that will nullify its effectiveness.

The saints could talk about Jesus as if they personally knew him, because they did personally know him. He is not a distant, historical figure, but the living Lord!

Secondly, and this point is as important as the first, we need to be able to articulate our Catholic faith in an intelligent and attractive fashion when the opportunity arises. Can I talk about my own experiences in prayer, my sense of Jesus’ presence in my life, why I choose to practice Catholicism, what difference faith makes? Can I persuasively explain why premarital sexual relations are wrong, what we currently believe about purgatory, when war is morally justified or not, what the basic theology of the Eucharist is, why we should go to confession, just to choose several examples?

While many Catholics live a deep life of prayer and holiness, too few are able to explain the faith in a simple yet complete way. That is why adult formation, spiritual reading, Bible study, familiarity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church cannot be the leisurely options of just a few interested folks who gather in the parish hall on a Thursday night. We all need to be able to explain what we believe and why we believe it.

Catholicism is a remarkably logical system of belief and thought, so if we understand the basic principles of belief concerning God, Jesus, the church, the sacraments, the nature and purpose of sexuality, the dignity of the human person, we can see the reasonableness of Catholic teaching, especially in the area of morality and ethics.

As Jesus tells us, we are the light of the world; no one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket; a city set on a hill cannot be hidden. An integral part of our faith is to share it with others.

When two people fall in love with each other, they want to talk about their beloved with everybody. We have fallen in love with God and we want everyone we meet to become part of the romance. Vatican II renews our faith and the Catechism explains it. This Year of Faith is a precious opportunity to live, deepen, celebrate and share the powerful truth of the Gospel!

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Dear Friends,
We are most grateful for the $500 gift that we received from St. James in support of St. Ben’s Clinic for the Homeless. Your gift means that St. Ben’s can continue to provide the homeless with effective and compassionate healthcare from caregivers such as Dr. Michael Johnstone, the volunteer medical director of the clinic.

We are thankful that many lives have breathed easier because of you—because you share in the ministry of healing.

Sincerely,
Lisa A. Froemming
President & CEO
Columbia St. Mary’s Foundation

Dear St. James Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of $500. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

Our Space provides a compassionate environment for adults who have experienced serious mental illness. Your support and donation will allow us to continue to offer exceptional support services for adults on their journey of recovery and provide hope for those living with mental illness. Thank you!

Joan Lawrence,
Executive Director

Thank you for your donation of $500 to St. Joseph’s Medical and Dental Clinic. We truly appreciate your congregation’s support.

St. Joseph’s Clinic enables poor and uninsured residents of Waukesha County to receive medical and dental services that reduce pain, restore health, and save lives.

Almost half of our budget is supported by gifts from generous donors. This enables us to assist over 1300 people each year who would otherwise go without medical care. Thank you for caring about the health of Waukesha Community members.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Evans,
Executive Director

Dear Friends,
We are thankful that we received from St. James $238.81 given to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. This money will be used to purchase food for families in our community who need help. Thank you for choosing to support our mission!

Sincerely,
Barbara Riehle,
Asst. Director

Thank you for the donations and support you have given to our Food Pantry.

St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry Volunteers and Staff

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your very generous donation of $500 for the families that come to Parents Place. It will be very useful in helping us conduct such services as Parent/Child Education Classes. Supervised Visitation, Parent/Child Anger Management Classes and Support Groups. We appreciate your support and generosity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Kathy Duffek,
Project Manager

St. James Parish,
Thank you for the $500 gift that we received recently from S. James Congregation in support of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Dental Clinic.

Your gift is a wonderful expression of compassion for impoverished people who have nowhere else to turn for dental care that most of us take for granted. We are proud to share this ministry of healing with you.

Please express our gratitude to everyone involved with this gift.

Lisa Froemming

Dear Friends at St. James,
Thank you for your gift of $500 to the Community Outreach Health Clinic at Community Memorial Hospital.

We are grateful for your support of the Community Outreach Health Clinic that serves as a lifeline for area residents who find themselves without insurance or other resources to pay for essential health care. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by the thousands of individuals and families who can look forward to a healthier, more hopeful future because of the care they receive from the Community Outreach Health Clinic. Best Regards,

Kerry Freiberg

To the Members of St. James Parish,
Thank you for your generous contribution of $500 to Catholics for Peace and Justice in support of our programs. We continue to reach out to and educate Catholics in our diocese on the social teaching of the Church and advocating for social justice at the local, state, and national level. Your support over the last year allowed us to bring 170 people together for our “Summoned to Justice” social justice ministry conference.

…We continue to work with the Archdiocese on promoting Justice for immigrants, a just federal budget that protects the poor and with CRS and CCHD on Farm Bill legislation and outreach education. We ask you to continue to pray with us for God’s peace and justice in our community, our nation and the world.

Catholics for Peace & Justice Leadership Council

Dear Members of St. James Congregation,
Your donation to Camp HOPE is never taken for granted. Just two weeks ago, I served over 70 children & teens who came to Camp, mostly from suicides by loved ones. Your gift is powerful, and I thank you all so very, very much.

All my best,
Becky Long,
Director

Dear St. James Parish,
Another big thanks for the additional items collected for our My Stuff Project. We greatly appreciate your support which enables us to continue to aid Milwaukee’s children in crisis.

Sincerely,
Judy Keenan
My Stuff Bags Co-Chariperson
Christ Child Society

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Sincerely,
Barbara Riehle,
Asst. Director

Dear St. James Congregation,
Thank you for your contribution in the amount of $500 to Safe Babies Healthy Families through your congregation. Your support will ensure safe and healthy children in our community and help to break the cycle of child abuse, neglect and poverty.

Thank you for choosing to support our mission!

Nancy Major, Executive Director

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Lisa Froemming
**ST. BENS MEAL PROGRAM**

Over the last few months, the amount of food has been dropping off significantly. This could very well be due to summer. Unfortunately the numbers of poor and homeless have been steadily increasing.

If you have never provided food to St. Ben’s, this would be a great time for you to consider this ministry. We appreciate any monthly contributions. St. James takes food to St. Ben’s on the 3rd Wednesday of every Month. If you have any questions about the meal program or would like to go down occasionally to help serve at the dinner, please contact Tom & Toni Bohmann at 262-628-8323 or bohmann@charter.net.

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**Ladies Night Out**

Little Black Dress Fashion Show
Wednesday, October 24, 2012
Tickets go on sale September 29/30.
If you are interested in hosting a table contact: Wendy at 246-8647 or Janet at 820-0526

**WOW-HOLLY DAYS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**
Mark the date - December 1–2, 2012.
More information to follow.

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**Red Roskopf “Memorial” Golf & Festivities**

Celebrate this memorial outing event in honor and tribute to the life of Don “Red” Roskopf on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at The Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira, WI. As owner of that golf course for 13 years, leader in many local organizations and long time member of this parish, we invite you to join us and to help spread the word. Folks need not feel like golf, lunch or other purchases are necessary to attend this open public event.

7:15-7:45am 18-Hole Registration
8:00am Shotgun Start, 18 Holes with Cart - $25
Tee Times Around 10am for 9 Holes With Cart - $20
12-1:30pm Luncheon (Adults $12, Kids $6) and Raffles
1:30pm? Awards, Social Gathering, Packers Game

RSVP to Kurt or Sue Roskopf 262-720-7031 or roskopfs@gmail.com. Payments due by Sunday, September 23rd.

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**MEN’S SOFTBALL LEAGUE—WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED???”**

Ryan Jaeger of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School is inquiring as to whether or not there would be any interest in a men’s church softball league during the summer, beginning late Spring 2013.

If there’s enough interest he would explore the possibility of working with Menomonee Falls Community Education and Recreation to get something in the works but needs to know soon who might be interested as Menomonee Falls would need to know by late Fall to reserve fields and get ready for the season.

If you are interested call Ryan at 414-446-4116/262-781-3520
Or email him at jaegerra@yahoo.com.
Dates to Remember

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