

# *St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin*

*December 25, 2019*



**TO:** All my friends at Good Shepherd and St. James Parishes

**ALSO TO:** All who come to be with us for the Christmas liturgies.  
(You are always welcome)

**FROM:** Deacon Sandy

My Christmas/New Year wish for all of you this coming year is to recognize what the prophet Isaiah foretold all those thousands of years ago about the coming of Christ. Isaiah reminds us that when Jesus comes fully into our lives, He brings peace - for He is not just King of Kings - He is also Prince of Peace. On the First Sunday of Advent, Isaiah states, regarding the coming of Christ:

*"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."*

Can you imagine? Let's dream big this year. That's my wish for you.

Within your circle of family and friends, by your words and actions, help convert the proverbial swords and spears you encounter into pruning hooks. By your presence, become instruments of peace bringing about an end to the proverbial wars in your lives.

From the bottom of my heart I wish for you: Peace on earth! Goodwill to all!  
A very merry and blessed Christmas, and a happy and grace-filled New Year to all!





## Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are happy that you have come to share in this celebration of the Eucharist with us at St. James Parish!

If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you will leave as a friend. Come back often and know that you are always welcome here.

If you would like to find out more information about St. James Parish please call the parish office at  
**262-251-3944** or check our website  
[stjames-parish.com](http://stjames-parish.com)



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## LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?...



How about joining in Eucharist more often? Everyone's presence at Mass has a nurturing effect on others. We lovingly invite all to participate in our mission in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ!

As St. Paul reminds us: ***"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."***

And Jesus himself invites and directs us: ***"the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"***

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer & Worship are the heart of parish life at St. James. It is here at the weekend Eucharist, that we gather as a community of believers. Our lives become a gift to God, and to one another.



Our ministers who serve in the various liturgical ministries as greeters, ushers, the presider, acolytes, lectors, communion distributors, art & environment specialists, musicians, and the assembly of believers, nourish and encourage us all to fully celebrate the mystery of faith we call Eucharist.

Each person brings their own personal faith to enhance the Sunday worship experience. When we gather for worship, we acknowledge the presence of God who is **"Active"** in our daily lives and through the **"conversion"** experience we are called to **"transform"** the world.

All are welcome! Come to the Feast!

## Are you expecting a baby?

Baptism welcomes your child into the Catholic church.



We celebrate the sacrament of baptism on the third weekend of most months and baptism preparation is available. See the website for more information.

## PLAYGROUP

Do you have little ones at home? Join us for Playgroup! We meet at **9am on the first and third Thursday of the month in Rm 5** of the school building. Playgroup is open to all young children and their parents, grandparents or caregivers.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendar and join us for Vacation Bible School

**August 3—August 7th**  
**9:00-Noon**

The theme will be Rocky Railway and we'll learn about God's love for us while we do fun activities like play games, make crafts, do science experiments, and sing songs.

VBS is open to kids entering 4K-5th grade.

## A note from Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse

The health ministry here at St. James has many great programs; one service that the ministry provides is a parish nurse. But, *what is a parish nurse?*

As parish nurse I act as advocate, health counselor, and referral specialist for parishioners, as well as coordinating the Health Ministry volunteers here at St. James. I spend time with parishioners, listening, praying and offering communion. I help them to navigate through the health care system and advocate their needs to their health care practitioners.

Our Health Ministry includes the prayer shawl ministry, blood pressure screenings, card ministry, meal ministry, Elizabeth Ministry and Eucharistic ministers to the sick and homebound. The **prayer shawl ministry** creates handmade shawls that are given the sick to feel Jesus' loving arms around them. **Blood pressure screenings** are offered after Mass once a month as preventative healthcare. **The card ministry** mails cards to parishioners who need to know that their church family is thinking of them. **The meal ministry** provides home cooked meals to those in crisis. **The Elizabeth ministry** includes the rosebud program and busy bags for children at Mass.

**Our Eucharistic Ministers** visit with those who are ill in the hospital or homebound, allowing them to feel Jesus' love as they heal.

If you feel God calling you to share in the joys of any of these ministries or if you know someone who could benefit from any of the services of the health ministry, please call me. My contact information is in the weekly bulletin, call me at 262-250-2663, or email me at [glinskib@archmil.org](mailto:glinskib@archmil.org).



*My special thanks to all the Health Ministry volunteers, this ministry would be nothing without you and your gifts.  
God Bless and have a blessed Christmas and healthy New Year.*

## Parenting with Love and Logic

We will be offering a 6 week series on becoming a more effective parent. Kim Boho, a trained facilitator, will lead our group. This group will meet 2 different times; **January 21st through February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** **Or January 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27th at 9:00 a.m.** The cost for the 6 weeks is \$25.00. Child care will be provided. Send Sue an e-mail [devinesimons@archmil.org](mailto:devinesimons@archmil.org) if you have any questions or would like to

## Adult Confirmation

Did you miss being Confirmed when you were younger? Do you want to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church? Would you like to learn more about your faith? We have a process for those who want to be confirmed. It begins **Sunday February 2nd thru March 29th at St. Agnes at 11:30 am.** Please call Sue at 253-2904 for more information.



Living UNCOMMON lives—our 2020 theme:

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

*-Romans 12:2*

The conference is designed to help boys and men be the man God created them to be and walk in step with the Holy Spirit. Our speaker lineup will teach on insightful topics that challenge our relationship with the Lord at home, at school, in the workplace and in their communities.

This conference also serves as our retreat for middle school boys and their fathers (or an adult mentor such as grandfather, uncle, close family friend, etc.)

**Register after Mass**  
or at <https://stjames-parish.com/>

## It's a busy start to the year in youth ministry!

You may be in Christian formation. You may not. Yet we invite ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to join us in the New Year:

### **Retreats:**

9th Grade: Jan. 25 (11:30a-530p)

6th-8th Grade: Father/Son on Feb. 1 (8:30a-1p) and Mother/Daughter on Feb. 2 (9a-1:30p)

10th Grade: Feb. 16 (9:30a-5p)

### **Youth Group Events:**

Escape Room: Jan. 26 (6-9p)

Trivia Night: Feb. 15 (5:30-8p)

Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally: Mar. 14 (9a-7p)

### **Matthew 25 Local Work Camp: June 22-26**

It's an awesome mission trip experience where we serve the people of southeast Wisconsin. And every night you get to sleep in your own bed. Open to current 5th-12th graders.

***Friends are always welcome.***

For more details, check the website or contact Bryan Ramsey: [ramseyb@archmil.org](mailto:ramseyb@archmil.org) or 262.253.2915



## College Pizza & Prayer

Noon on Dec. 30th at Good Shepherd

Whether you are in school or not, we invite all college-age young adults to reconnect with your Catholic home community.

Pizza, prayer and fun with friends - new and old.

Bring a friend too.

RSVP to Bryan Ramsey ([ramseyb@archmil.org](mailto:ramseyb@archmil.org))





## St. James Human Concerns

**Vision** Each member of St. James Parish is invested in the work of social justice.

**Mission** Recognizing the God-given dignity of all, we respond to our baptismal commitment that calls us to act in compassionate solidarity with the poor and marginalized, to empower and to advocate for structural change, while at the same time, meeting immediate needs. An effective Human Concerns Ministry is guided by four pillars:

**Direct Service** - providing food, shelter etc.

**Education/Formation** – bringing awareness of justice issues.

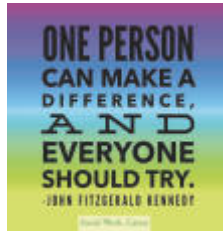
**Advocacy** – supporting individuals in overcoming institutional barriers in their struggle for justice.

**Empowerment** – standing with individuals working for justice.

**Guided by these pillars, the Human Concerns Ministry is engaged in the following ministries:**

### Direct Service:

Backpack Drive  
Giving Tree  
Soup-er Bowl Sunday  
Rice Bowls  
Catholic Relief Services  
SOS Food Pantry  
St. Ben's Meal Program  
Community Banquet  
SOS Saturday Morning Volunteers  
Tithing monthly to our Priority Relationship Organizations



### Empowerment:

Ellacuria, El Salvadore, Good Shepherd sister parish  
St. Vincent de Paul Mentoring Program  
Adoption Support Group  
Abilities Ministry

### Advocacy:

Respect life  
Human Trafficking  
Immigration  
Laudato Si - Ecology/Sustainability

### Education/Formation:

Stewardship Sunday  
Gaudete et Exsultate – Apostolic Exhortation discussion  
Faithful Citizenship  
Human Trafficking  
Immigration  
Laudato Si – Ecology/Sustainability  
Respect life

### Programs:

Sister Parish – St. Martin de Porres  
Matthew 25

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. James is a vibrant, welcoming Catholic Community Journeying towards the fullness of the Kingdom of God through worship, formation and service.

## Directory

### St. James Rectory—Parish Office—262-251-3944

W220 N6588 Town Line Road

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Office Hours, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm

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**Web-site address:** <http://www.stjames-parish.com>

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm (Individual Reconciliation 3:45-4:15)

Sunday 8:15 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses : *Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays*  
*8:00 am in the Historic Chapel*

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Administrative Office

Dcn. Sandy Sites, Parish Director..... 253-2212  
Fr. Dennis Lewis, Main Assisting Priest..... 251-3944  
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### Sussex Food Pantry, 246-9860

Mondays 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 pm

**Interfaith:** 549-3348

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 251-3944