St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

December 8, 2019

CRY OUT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

MATTHEW 3:4

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass times at ST. JAMES Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve: 3:30, 5:30, & 9:30 pm (Concert at 9:00) Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day at 9 am

Saturday, December 28 4:30 pm Sunday, December 29 8:15 & 10:30 am Wednesday, January 1 New Years Day at 9 am at in Church

MORE **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Times In The Area:**

Good Shepherd (N88 W17658 Christman Rd, Meno. Falls) Christmas Eve 4:00 & 6:30 pm Christmas Day 9:30 am New Years Eve at 6:00 pm New Years Day (no Mass) St. Agnes (12801 W. Fairmount Ave, Butler) Christmas Eve 5:00 & 10:00 pm Christmas Day 8:30 & 10:30 am New Year's Eve (no Mass) New Year's Day at 8:30 am St. Anthony (N74 W13646 Appleton Avenue, Meno. Falls)

- Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Christmas Day 8:00 & 10:30 am New Year's Eve at 4:30 pm New Year's Day at 10:00 am St. Joseph (12130 W. Center Street, Wauwatosa)
- Christmas Eve 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm Christmas Day 8:00 am & 10:00 am New Year's Eve at 5:00 pm New Year's Day at 9:00 am
- St. Mary's (N89 W16297 Cleveland Avenue, Meno. Falls) Christmas Eve 4:00 & 10:00 pm Christmas Day 8:00 & 10:30 am New Years Eve at 5:00 pm New Year's Day at 9:00 am

"Scan to pay or give."

What is this OR code and why use it? When you scan this barcode-like OR code image with a smartphone's OR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our web page to conveniently schedule your monthly



Stewardship donation(s). To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access our web page without having to type out a long web address and locate your link.

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/ Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/ Lk 1:5-25 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/ Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 **Observances for the week of December 8, 2019** Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent Monday: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (not a Holyday of Obligation) Tuesday:

St. Damasus I, Pope
Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the
Church
3rd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 am + Gordon & Helen Schweiger (Family)

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 am St. James Parishioners

Friday, December 13

8:00 am + Joe Boehm (Marge Boehm)

Saturday, December 14 (Sunday Liturgy)

- 4:30 pm + Jim Frederick (Kay Frederick)
 - + Roxanne Shaffer (Family)
 - † Ray Schoedl (Family)

Sunday, December 15

- 8:15 am + Bob Filo & Terry Sullivan (Music Ministry) + Mary Metzger (Stan & Mitzie Kasprzak)
- 10:30 am + Kay Gansemer & Richard Zoeller (Music Ministry) † Glenn Ackmann & Dolores Bree (Virginia Ackmann)



MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS UPDATES

A Candlelight Christmas

Perhaps you are flexible this year!! Why not bring the family to our concert at 9:00 pm as a prelude to Mass at 9:30 pm on Christmas Eve.

This later evening Mass has a very warm and meaningful atmosphere, unable to be captured at the earlier Masses.

So maybe this year: COME EARLY & EXPERIENCE A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

Bells-Bells-Bells

Bring bells from home to all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This will add a special joy and excitement as we celebrate the birth of *Jesus - Our example of love and salvation for the world.*



"Nametag Weekend"!

"Nametag Weekend" is held once a month, in conjunction with Fellowship Sundays. For December Nametag weekend coincides with HOLLY DAYS on December 7th & 8th.

Please stop by the table to fill out a nametag on your way in to Church next weekend!



Hello

Christmas Program

The children in $4K - 5^{th}$ grades will be preparing for the celebration of Christmas with a simple program in



Church. **Any parishioners who would like to join us are more than welcome.** There will be 2 different programs offered at the following times:

Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 20th at 6 p.m.



FAIR TRADE SALE

A Fair Trade Sale will be held at St. James after all Masses **on December 14 & 15** to benefit Ellacuria in El Salvador. Parishioners from both St. James & Good Shepherd support Ellacuria.

Featured will be crafts, coffee, olive oil, cocoa and chocolate bars.

All are Fair Trade items which make great Christmas gifts!

The Christmas Giving Tree



Just a reminder that if you had selected a tag from the Giving Tree, all donations are to be returned to St. James and placed under the Giving Tree no

later than TODAY December 8th.

We thank you for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.





The family of Connie Sather would like to express their gratitude to Father Dennis & Deacon Sandy, the St. James Staff, the Bereavement Ministers, the Funeral Choir,

the Funeral Luncheon Committee and the St. James Community for their loving support in the celebration of Connie's life.

Ron Sather & Family

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To all who make phone calls, pick up orders, work at the funerals and especially all who make the delicious food for the grieving families. Without you our committee would not exist. A heartfelt thank you to all. Your St. James Funeral Committee

MASS for the Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be offered on Monday, December 9th

St. Agnes—(12801 W Fairmount Ave., Butler) -- 8:15 am St. Anthony—(N74 W13604 Appleton Ave., MF) — 8:00 am



St. Joseph (12130 W. Center St., Wauwatosa — 9:00 am

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, therefore, the feast day transfers to Monday and the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted for this year.

<u>COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION</u> Tuesday, December 17th—7:00 pm here at St. James

Other opportunities for the sacrament of <u>Reconciliation</u>

- Reconciliation will be offered at St. Dominic's from 8:00
 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11.
- Reconciliation is offered here at St. James every Saturday from 3:45-4:15 in the Reconciliation Room prior to the 4:30 Mass.
- By appointment—speak with a priest of your choice to make an appointment for personal Reconciliation. Most priests are open to making time in their schedules for this most important sacrament—especially when someone makes a personal request.
- Archdiocesan website: <u>www.archmil.org</u>; click on "Parishes" menu; click on "Find a Confession" opportunities listed by day/time for parishes throughout the archdiocese, just click a date on the calendar to see where and when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered.

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"When a philanthropist just gives money, the satisfaction lasts for a short time. But when his/her feet follow her money as GET INVOLVED to where it goes, promotes the organization or meets the

beneficiaries of her gift - the satisfaction is more profound."

Connected for Good—A Game Plan for a Generous Life by John Stanley.

An Invitation to Serve

At St. James there exists a wonderful variety of ministries. By virtue of our baptism in Christ, some of us are called to serve as Lectors.

Christ entrusted his Church with the mission of preaching the Gospel to the whole world and Lectors assist in this mission. Through the Lector's proclamation, the Word of God is alive.

Being a Lector is both an honor and a privilege. St. James needs you. Are you called to serve in this Ministry?

Please prayerfully consider this invitation. Contact: Bob Stolarczyk: 414-550-0529 Ruth Ann Stevens: 414-416-8507 Gary Alland: 262-246-8155





ALUMINUM CANS

Much thanks! An amazing 698 lbs were turned in on our last drive, amounting to \$276 going towards next summer's **Mission Trip.**

Our next drive will be after the 1st of the year. Watch the bulletin for more information and as always the trailer is near the scout garage. Feel free to drop your aluminum cans off at any time.

ST. JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in cooperation with the Waukesha Chapter of Right to Life will be in the gathering area this weekend and the weekend of **DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH** The KC's are taking out an ad in the Waukesha Freeman for the WI Right to Life. They are inviting you to donate \$1 and include your name to the list of names in this ad for the Jan. 22nd edition. Stop by the KC's table in the gathering area. Our Catholic Church teaching is that we respect life from conception to natural death.



PRAYER NETWORK - If you have a prayer request, please send an email to Terri Grimmer at: tmg1123@yahoo.com

A note from Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse

We have now rolled into "the holidays." For many people, extra pounds roll on along with the favorite holiday foods and treats. Here are 10 tips to enjoy healthy nutrition and maintain your weight through the holiday season.



- 1. Eat breakfast. Studies show people who eat breakfast take in fewer calories during the day.
- 2. Plate it. Putting food on a plate, rather than grazing at a holiday party, helps you be more mindful of what you're eating and how much.
- 3. Portion control. Grab a smaller plate to help manage the temptation to put more on your plate than you need.
- 4. Start with veggies. Eat a few healthy vegetables first to curb your appetite before sampling holiday treats.
- 5. Choose proteins. Nuts, low-fat dairy, legumes, and lean meat in healthy portions will help you feel full.
- 6. Skip it. If you don't love it, don't eat it!
- 7. Slow down. It takes your brain time to receive the signal that you're full, so slow down and enjoy every bite.
- 8. Wait for the seconds. If you wait 10 minutes, you'll feel more full and the temptation for seconds will pass.
- 9. Focus on a few bites. The first bites are the most satisfying; enjoy them without thinking you need the entire dish.
- 10.Be a little brave. Experiment with new flavors and seasonings; you might find some new healthy traditions.

Walk to Bethlehem Update

We are getting very close to Bethlehem, please continue to log your miles.

Our goal is to be there by next Sunday December 15.

Check the board in the Gathering Space for updates on where in the world we are!



St. James is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life.

ADORATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAPEL EVERY TUESDAY 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Please consider joining us for prayer. Adoration closes with praying the Rosary from 4-5 pm.

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The 2020/2021 Financial Stewardship Letter & Commitment Card were mailed this past week for all of our parish families.

Please carefully read the letter and brochure and return your commitment card before <u>December 31, 2019</u>.

This mailing is in addition to the regular monthly statement letter sent to all families every month.

The pictures on the Jacob's ladder can be picked up in the Great Room.

TOO MANY 2020 CALENDARS? TOO MANY UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS?

The Knights of Columbus would appreciate your extras.

You can drop them in the box marked for these items near the water fountain and they will see that they get to the VA Hospital where they are used and very much appreciated!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

All MEN and WOMEN who have lost a loved one, whether it be through death, divorce or other circumstances, are invited to Maxims Restaurant on Capitol Drive in Brookfield for friendship, a meal and sharing at **9:30a.m. on Monday**, **December 9th**. We also welcome all caregivers to join us.

All denominations are welcome. If you know someone who would benefit from this please invite them.

If you have any questions please call Shirley at 262-246-0553. We look forward to seeing you there!!

ST. JAMES' SENIOR CLUB

Senior Club meetings are on the <u>2nd Monday of</u> <u>each month.</u> Our next meeting is Monday, December 9th at noon downstairs in the Community Center. Come and join us!



For further info call Emelie at 253-1228.



8:30am-4pm * \$30/Ticket * \$50/Father&Son

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 <u>https://stjames-parish.com/</u>

Just as a precaution . . .

We ask you to please remember <u>not</u> to leave your purse or other valuables in the pew when going up for communion. Thank you.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Sunday, December 8

Holly Days Name Tag Weekend KC's Pancake Breakfast (8-Noon) Blood Pressure Screening (Great Room)\ Signatures for KC's ProLife Ad (Gathering Area) 8:15 am Mass/Break Open the Word (Church) 3K-5K CF Classes (Classrooms) 9:30 am G1-5 CF Classes (Classrooms) 10:30 am Mass/Break Open the Word (Church) 4:30 pm G6-11 CF Classes (Classrooms) 6:00 pm G6-11 CF Classes (Classrooms) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Cafeteria) 7:00 pm Mission Trip Meeting (Church) Monday, December 9 9:00 am Companions on the Journey (Out of Parish) 12:00 pm St. James Senior Club (Community Center) **Tuesday, December 10** 6:30 am Men's Scripture Study (Great Room) 8:00 am Mass (Chapel) 8:30 am Day of Adoration (Chapel) 9:00 am Bible Study (Great Room) T.O.P.S. Meeting (Cafeteria) 4:00 pm Holy Hour/Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 pm G1-11 CF Classes (Classrooms) 7:30 pm KC's Officers Meeting (Rectory) Wednesday, December 11 8:00 am Mass (Chapel) 8:45 am Centering Prayer (Reconciliation Room) 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Room 4) 5:30 pm Kids' Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Room 7) Dartball (Cafeteria) Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Room 4) 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Great Room) Music Ministry Rehearsal (Church) Thursday, December 12 9:00 am Bible Study (Great Room) Carving Club (Room 7) 5:30 pm Community Banquet (Community Center) 6:30 pm Bible Study (Great Room) 7:00 pm KC's Christmas Poster Judging (Comm Cntr) Friday, December 13 6:30 am Transforming Men (Great Room) 8:00 am Mass (Chapel) 6:30 pm AA Group Meeting (Cafeteria) Saturday, December 14 8:00 am SOS Toy Distribution (Community Center) 9:00 am Webelos Cub Scout Clinic (Room 7) 3:45 pm Individual Reconciliation (Reconcil. Room) 4:30 pm Mass (Church) 5:30 pm Ella Curia Ornament Sale (Gathering Area) Sunday, December 15 Ella Curia Ornament Sale (Gathering Area) 8:15 am Mass/Break Open the Word (Church) 3K-5K CF Classes (Classrooms) 9:30 am CF Christmas Program (Church) 10:30 am Mass/Break Open the Word (Church) 4:30 pm G6-11 CF Classes (Classrooms) 6:00 pm G6-11 CF Classes (Classrooms) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (Cafeteria)

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EUCHARISTIC 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

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