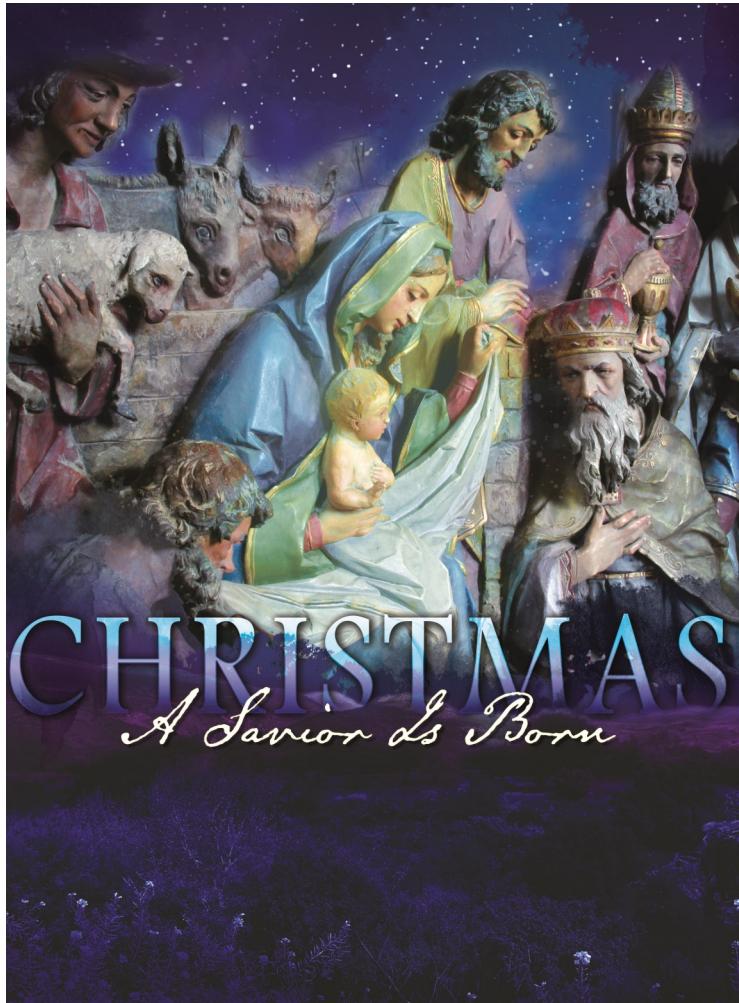


December 25, 2024



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

Greetings from the Pastor....

The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14

O Gracious God of Love, for generations you kept your promise of salvation. Prophets, psalmists, seers and sages all longed to see that promise made visible in the birth of your beloved Son. Open our hearts to the presence of Emmanuel and help us to share Christ with the world. Amen.

Celebrating with you the blessings of Christmas. May the joy of the promise, the hope of ages past, and the love of Christ be with you always.

A blessed Christmas and New Year of happiness to you all.

Fr. John



Saint James Parish

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Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are happy that you have come to share in this celebration of the Eucharist 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

Christmas Joy & Blessings from the St. James Staff

*Fr. John Hemsing, Pastor
Lance Tappa, Deacon*

*Michelle Beimborn
Mike Gast
Terri Gremier
Sean Hutchinson
Kristin Kebis
Miriam Lezama*

*Lester Nettesheim
Amy Ruege
Barbara Schuelke
Sue Devine Simon
Terri Weber
Kristen Winter*

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses in the Historic Chapel

Wednesdays & Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

Individual Reconciliation

Reconciliation Room: Saturdays 3:45-4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration in the Historic Chapel

Tuesdays, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Holy Hour & Rosary 4:00 pm-5:00 pm on Tuesdays

Also, Saturday from 7 am-8 am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

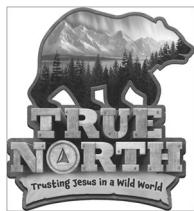
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BAPTISM

Are you expecting a child or in the process of adoption? Baptism welcomes your child into the Catholic church. We celebrate the sacrament of baptism on the third weekend of most months and baptism preparation classes are available. Visit our website or contact Kristin Kebis at kkebis@stjames-parish.com for more information.



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be July 27 – Aug 1, 2025 from 9am-noon each day. Our theme will be True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. VBS is open to all children in the community entering 3K through 5th grade in the fall of 2024. Contact areuge@stjames-parish.com to be added to the mailing list for registration details this spring.

Emmaus 90 - What's Your New Years Resolution?

Pray and grow together in 2025
The Jubilee Year of Hope

Want to know how God speaks to you? Live more fully alive? Help others do the same? Join us for Emmaus 90!

Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Years to Easter 2025 that brings you closer to Jesus Christ through prayer and formation. It's a personal commitment to grow in holiness with the support of hundreds of fellow participants ("pilgrims") and the leadership of nationally recognized educators. Cost is \$20 per person/\$40 per family.

If interested in joining starting in the new year contact Sue Devine-Simon at sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or 262-253-2904.

What Catholics Believe & OCIA...

Would you like to learn more about what Catholics believe? Discuss your faith? Come to the **Great room** to hear some different parishioners share their wisdom on different Catholic topics. We meet Sunday between the Masses from **9:20 – 10:20 am**. Our next meeting will be January 5, 2025.



Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation sessions will begin on January 19th. If you are interested in learning more please contact Sue at sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or call 262-253-2904.



PRAYER NETWORK

If you have a prayer request, please send an email to Terri Grimmer at: tmg1123@yahoo.com
If you would like to help us in praying for these requests please contact Terri so she can add you to her email list.

Menomonee Falls, WI



THANK YOU to all who took time to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. In addition to all that served as a Lector, Acolyte, Eucharistic minister, or in the Music Ministry. Without our wonderful volunteers we would not have such a beautiful faith filled Christmas Mass.



Do you know a St. James parishioner who is homebound?

If so, please invite them to contact Kristen Winter, the Pastoral Health Care Coordinator, at 262-250-2663 or kwinter@stjames-parish.com.

Kristen reaches out to homebound parish members and connects them with the St. James community through mailed bulletins, phone calls, and home visits. We want to make sure that all homebound parishioners know that they are a valued part of our community.



Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate this joyous Christmas season, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your active participation in our parish community. Your presence and enthusiasm have enriched our monthly after-mass gatherings, nametag weekends, parish photobook project, and new member welcome breakfast. We also appreciate your efforts in inviting new members and welcoming them warmly.

In the coming year, we will continue to foster connections, deepen friendships, and create a stronger sense of belonging among our parishioners. Make it a New Year's resolution to join us in this mission! Contact Terry Brecklin at tbrecklin@gmail.com to learn more about our work.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas,
Your Stewardship Commission

Year End Reminder

A few "business" things to remember as we approach the end of the year:

Parishioner donations received in the collection baskets the weekend of December 28-29 **will be applied to your 2024** parishioner contribution statement. **In person contributions will be accepted until noon on December 31st.** Any contributions received by mail must be **postmarked on or before December 31st** in order for it to be applied to your 2024 contribution statement.

Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.

THE 2025 PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP LETTER & COMMITMENT CARD

All families should have received their 2025 financial commitment card and letter in the mail; if you didn't please contact the parish office. Please read the letter & brochure carefully and return your commitment card **before December 31, 2024.**