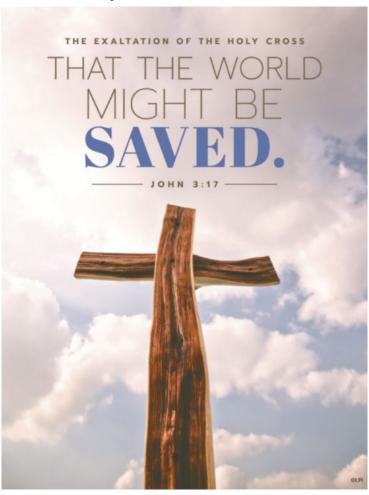
## September 14, 2025



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

#### Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses in the Historic Chapel

Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am

#### **Individual Reconciliation**

Reconciliation Room, Saturday's 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration in the Historic Chapel**

Tuesday's 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Saturday's 7:00 - 8:00 am



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#### **Parish Staff Directory**

General Parish Email stjameschurch@bizwi.rr.com

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#### **OUTREACH**

**Sussex Food Pantry** 

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Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Mon - Fri between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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St. James Parish Menomonee Falls, WI



We would like to express our sympathy to the family of **Emily Rakowski**. May she find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday, September 17

8:00 am †Mary McCluskey (Family)

Friday, September 19

8:00 am †Jackie Wendelberger (Peggy Nettesheim)

Saturday, September 20

**4:30 pm** †Grieb Family & Friends (Family)

†Michael Eaton (Diane Schroeder)

Sunday, September 21

8:15 am St. James Parishioners 10:30 am †Rick Harely (Diane Harley) †Adam Bittner (Family)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50 **Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/

Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15 **Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

#### Stewardship: September 7, 2025

Total:	\$ 9956.90
Line of Credit	\$ 225.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1.15
Prior Year	\$ 15.00
Catholic Education	\$ 10.00
Offertory:	\$ 1,038.75
Stewardship:	\$ 8,667.00

Thank you for your support of St. James

To make an online contribution: Text: 73256 Message is: STJMF

#### St. Ben's Meal Program

Consider donating food to the St. Ben's Community Meal this coming Wednesday, September 17. We need parishioners to bring salads (No Lettuce), fruits, vegetables, or meat or seafood casseroles/pastas. Please write on foil/wrap whether it is salad, vegetable, or casserole. Do not tape foil or clear plastic wrap to pan, it is difficult to remove.

You do not have to sign up to be a part of this ministry and can drop your donations off any time between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm at St. James in the upstairs

kitchen.

Our driver leaves promptly at 3:45. If you have questions call Lynn at 262-227-9862. We

suggest using throw away dishes.

#### Notice of Nomination for Parish Trustee - Treasurer

Chuck Demege's term as Parish Trustee – Treasurer is ending. We thank Chuck for his years of faithful service to St. James Parish. Fr. John Hemsing has nominated Frank Habib to fulfill this position for the next two years. If you would like to be considered for nomination to this position, please contact Fr. John at the parish office by September 22, 2025. If no additional nominations are received, Frank Habib will serve as our Parish Trustee – Treasurer for the next two years.



## Is God inviting you?

We are always looking for people to step forward as greeters, ushers, lectors, acolytes, and communion ministers.

If you would like more information about becoming involved in any of the roles mentioned above call the parish office 262-251-3944.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

#### The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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#### 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.

#### **Christian Formation News**

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An opportunity to meet amazing people, to be inspired by national and local speakers, and most of all, to encounter Jesus in a powerful way. Life is a gift. While navigating life in your 20s and 30s can be daunting, you are not alone. You have a Father who continually offers to you all that is true, good, and beautiful - an inheritance of a son or daughter.



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#### Are you called to be Catholic? Do you know someone who might be?

There are lots of reasons why people choose to become Catholic. Maybe you are married to someone who is Catholic and are ready to explore this faith further. Maybe you know or admire someone who is Catholic, and you want to explore the faith more deeply.

If you are curious about the Catholic faith, or would like to reconnect after years of absence, we have a special process designed to help learn more. It's called OCIA. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Joining the OCIA process does not commit you to joining the Catholic Church. It is a process to help you explore what the Catholic Church has to offer. If you choose to complete the entire OCIA process, you will become a fully initiated

member of the Catholic Church.



If you would like to find out more, you can contact Sue at Sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com or 253-2904 or attend our first Inquiry session on Sunday, September 28 at 9:20 a.m. in the Great Room.



#### ADORATION in the Chapel Tuesdays from 8:30 AM—7:00 PM Saturdays from 7 - 8 am

#### Christian men & Women in Action Breakfast

Christian men & Women in Action (CWIA WI) is having a breakfast with guest speaker, Sr. M. Caterina Esselen, a member of Our Lady of Mercy to which St. Faustina belonged. She will proclaim the message of "Divine Mercy" on September 20, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center, 11600 W. Park Place, Milwaukee, WI 53224. For more information and registration visit: cwiaholyspiritwi.org or call 262-707-3339.

#### Waukesha County Chapter of WI Right to Life

Is having an open house/meet and greet in preparation for October respect life month. Come stop in for coffee and doughnuts, meet state and local members, and grab some literature! We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 until noon Dady Oh's Restaurant in the back room 250 W. Broadway St., Waukesha Questions? Call Tom Becker 414-531-7664

#### Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 14 Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am

Family Faith Day | 9:30 am, 11:30 am, or 5:00 pm Art & Environment Decorating | 11:30 am Boy Scout Troop 175 Meeting | 6:00 pm

Monday, September 15

Tuesday, September 16

Adoration | 8:30 am

CF Staff Meeting | 1:00 pm Family Faith Day | 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 17

Mass at 8:00 am

Staff Meeting | 9:30 am

Thursday, September 18

Wood Carving Club | 9:00 am

Sheepshead | 12:30 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Member Meeting | 7:00 pm

Friday, September 19

Mass at 8:00 am Mass at 4:30 pm

Saturday, September 20 Adoration 7:00 am

Reconciliation | 3:45 pm

Baptism at Mass | 4:30 pm

Sunday, September 21 Mass at 8:15 & 10:30 am

Christian Formation (CF) Classes 3K-5K | 8:15-9:15 am Christian Formation Classes Gr. 1-5 | 9:30-10:30 am

Baptisms at Mass

Confirmation Classes | 11:30 am, 4:30 & 6:00 pm Christian Formation Classes Gr. 6-10 | 4:30 & 6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 175 Meeting | 6:00 pm

St. James website has the current calendar for the entire year.



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