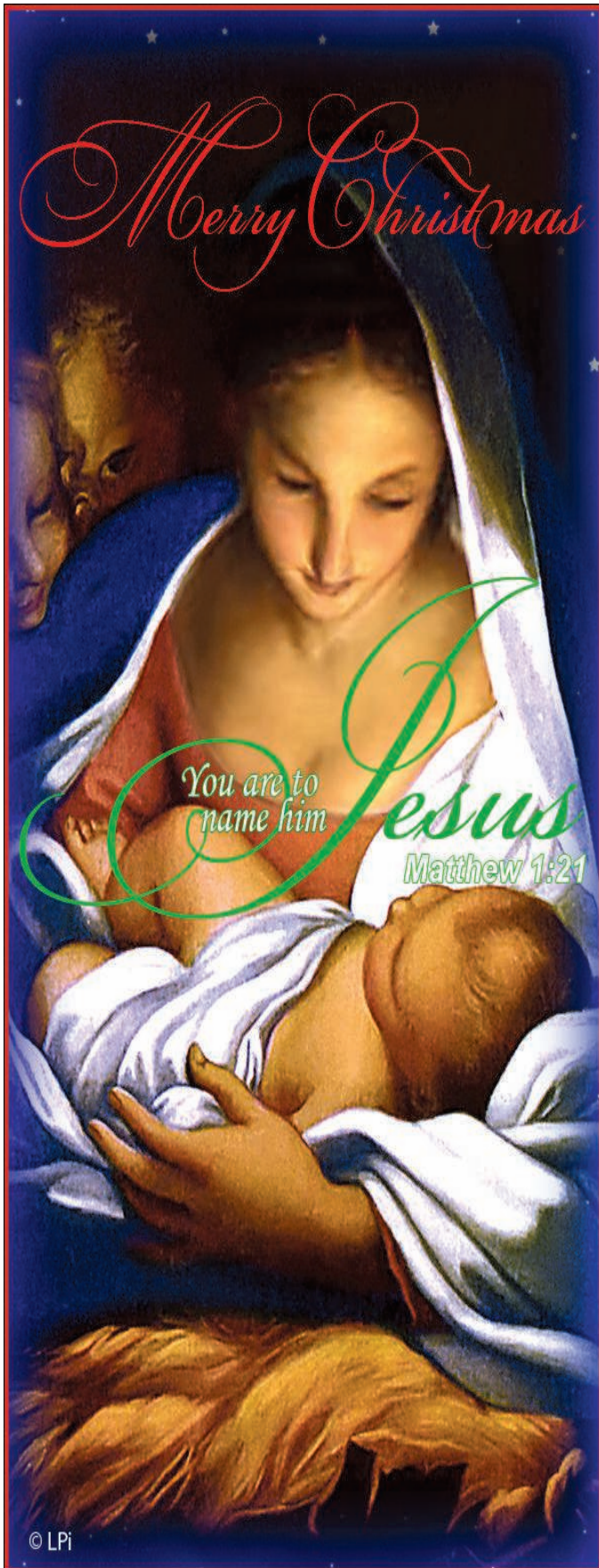


St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

A Member of the Menomonee Falls Cluster Parishes
(St. James, St. Mary's & Good Shepherd)

December 25, 2015



A number of years ago when I was more nimble, I spent a week sleeping on a classroom floor with 25 young people and a few dedicated adults. We were willing to tolerate the lack of air conditioning and the candy flying through the air until everyone fell asleep! We were a part of a summer workcamp in Orlando, Florida!

Each evening we celebrated our accomplishments with the inspiring music of a Christian Rock Band.

One song echoes within me this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and begin the special year of mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis

Every move I make I make in you, you make me move, Jesus!

Every breath I take I take in you, you make my way, Jesus!

Every breath I take I breath in you!

Waves of MERCY Waves of GRACE! Everywhere I look I see your face!

Your love has captured me, Oh my God, this love, how can it be? (Hillsong)

(You can find several versions of this inspiring song on You-Tube)

The Baby born in Bethlehem began Waves of Mercy; Waves of Grace. Pope Francis calls us to be particularly attuned to this tune throughout 2016.

Pope Francis calls for alternatives to atrocities, cruelty, and exploitation of our world today. Frequently Pope Francis shares how he discovers God's mercy in his own life, as an encouragement for us to discover waves of mercy and grace in our lives.

Pope Francis calls for a "revolution of tenderness, through justice, tolerance, and patience in relationships between individuals and among nations."

Monthly Pope Francis will suggest to us gestures to highlight God's Mercy in our lives.

Here are some websites to help us to catch his waves of mercy and grace.

www.vatican.va www.pccs.va www.patheos.com

I hope you enjoy our special Christmas Bulletin 2015. My prayer is that the Faith Community of St. James will help you joyously navigate the waves of God's mercy in 2016.

Peace and Blessings to You!
Fr. Mike and Max



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 stranger, 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.net

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Prayer & Worship are the heart of parish life at St. James. It is here, as a gathered community that 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 the 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 this “**conversion**” experience we are challenged to “**transform**” the world.

Please consider becoming active in one of the liturgical ministries, help is needed in all. By our loving deeds, our understanding words, our listening ears, our helpful hands, our willingness to love, serve, and forgive others, we continue Christ’s work on earth.

**All are welcome! Come to the feast!
HELP IS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS**

A note from Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse

As I settle into the role of Parish Nurse, I am often asked, “What is a parish nurse?” The answer is not an easy one; I have many roles that I fill. Parish Nursing began as a specialty practice in the 1980s, but if we look back in history, we see that Parish nursing has been around since biblical times. Phoebe, a deaconess in the early church, opened her home to care for the sick (Romans 16:1-2).

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, Elizabeth Ministry and Eucharistic ministers to the sick and homebound. The prayer shawl ministry creates handmade shawls that are given to 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 Elizabeth ministry is slowly growing, and includes the rosebud program and busy bags for children at Mass. I am looking forward to starting up more services for our young families as part of the Elizabeth Ministry in the New Year, including new mom/baby home visits. 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, phone number: 262-250-2663, or email me at glinskib@archmil.org. My special thanks to all the Health Ministry volunteers, and Pam Dennis, for welcoming me and showing me the ropes! God Bless and have a happy and healthy New Year.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

YOUTH CORNER

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Winter Retreat...Wednesday, Jan. 13:

An evening of faith, fun and friendship

Laser Tag Night...Friday, Jan. 22nd

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

9th Grade Retreat...Saturday, Feb. 6 OR

Sunday, Feb. 7:

Pick your date and mark your calendar

"Snacks-n-Service": Watch for the first one of the season in January!

MISSION TRIP & SUMMER SERVICE WEEKS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mission Trip to Pittsburgh PA...July 10-16, 2016:

Current 7th graders through high schoolers

Matthew 25 Service Week...June 20-24, 2016:

Current 5th graders through high schoolers serve right here in our local area. And you get to go home every night and sleep in your own bed! It's a great "first mission trip" for middle schoolers and for high schoolers who work all summer long.

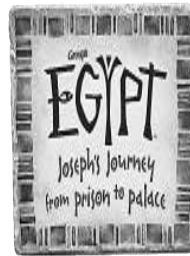
To all these events, bring your friends, meet new ones and have a lot of fun.

Need a registration or have questions? Contact Bryan: ramseyb@archmil.org or 262.253.2915

5:30pm Sunday Mass Choir Singers & Musicians Wanted

We are working to get a group of middle & high schoolers who would help to lead our music for Sunday evening Mass at 5:30. Would you be willing to share your gift of singing or playing an instrument?

Contact the Christian formation office if you are interested and what you would like to offer. Feel free to invite your friends!



Join us for Vacation Bible School August 1st-5th, 2016 as we take an adventure to Egypt! Stroll through the splendor of Pharaoh's palace and experience exotic sights & smells in an Egyptian bazaar. Egypt VBS will immerse your kids in Bible-time adventures as they experience

Egyptian traditions. VBS is open to children entering grades 4k-5th grade, and all are welcome. New this year will be a special VBS activity & service program for kids entering 6th grade! Adults and youth in 7th grade & up are invited to volunteer. Mark your 2016 calendar now... registration info coming in spring!

Growing In God's Love

A faith-based program for children 0-5 and an adult, that will include Bible stories, music, crafts & play time.

April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th - 10-11 a.m.

Registration info coming in spring - check the website for details.



W.W.J.D. Retreat for 4th & 5th Graders

Friday, February 19th

5:30-9 p.m.

Details TBA

SOAL (St. James, Older, Adult, Learning)



The SOAL Program has been in existence for over 15 years at St. James. It is a 6 week program for Adults, 50 and older, to participate in classes for learning and enrichment. We offer 20 different classes which range in topics from Bible study, card games, gardening, wood working, crafts, retirement issues and more. You can sign up for 3 classes, 2 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. We provide lunch as well. All of this for only \$25.00! The spring session begins on April 8th and runs through May 20th (the last session is a pot luck & display). For more information, or to get on the registration mailing, call 251-0897.

Adult Confirmation Opportunity

Adults who chose not to be confirmed during their teen years, or who have never had the opportunity to complete their sacraments of initiation, an opportunity is available to you. St. James parish, in collaboration with Good Shepherd, St. Anthony, and St. Mary parishes of Menomonee Falls, and St. Agnes parish of Butler, is hosting an Adult Confirmation preparation process. The process is a nine-week series of sessions beginning in mid-January and culminating in the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 26th. For more details, contact Pastoral Associate Gerry Wolf at 262-253-2213, or wolfg@archmil.org.

Bible Study

Each week groups of adults get together to reflect on and study the readings for the upcoming Sunday Masses. No experience is necessary to participate! All are Welcome. For more information call Sue at 262-253-2904. All groups meet in the Great Room at the following dates and times:

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.
 Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday – 9:00 a.m.

More Bible reflection groups will meet during Lent. Check the Website in mid January for more information.



MEN...Are you looking to grow in your faith?

Are you looking for some Christian fellowship and brotherhood? Come and check out our men's group that meets on **Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 am**, in the Great Room (Fireplace Room) of church, to break open the upcoming Sunday readings, share prayer intentions, and engage in thoughtful conversation. On behalf of the others in the group—**Matt Mertens, Paul Schneider, Ray Gross, Bob Cowan, Tom Oskey, Pat Buehler, and Tom Zagorski**—I can say we would love to have you join us! Contact Pastoral Associate Gerry Wolf at 262-253-2213, or at wolfg@archmil.org for more details...or just drop in at our next meeting, Tuesday, December 29th, or any Tuesday morning!

Directory

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

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm (Individual Reconciliation 4:00-4:15)

Sunday 8:15 am, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
 8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

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Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse.....	250-2663
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 Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 pm
 Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 pm

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