

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

December 11, 2011



Third Sunday of Advent

*He said: "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the
desert, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"
as Isaiah the prophet said."*

John 1:23

From The Servant's Quarters

❖ In the first reading, Isaiah overflows with joy and wonder. He recognizes himself as anointed and understands his purpose. He is commissioned to bring good news to the oppressed and to bind up the broken hearted. In the responsorial canticle, Mary is equally overjoyed. She too recognizes herself as blessed and God's goodness as infinite. In the Gospel, John the Baptist identifies himself as the one crying out in the wilderness to make straight the way of the Lord. He recognizes himself as the one Isaiah foretold. He knows his place and relationship with the One who is to come.



❖ Our three faithful forerunners knew deeply that they were loved by God. This knowledge bubbled within them, giving them cause to rejoice. They understood their unique and essential vocations. Their lives were not easy. They forged new paths and believed in a coming yet unseen. Despite hardships, they had clear joy and belief in their purpose.

❖ What about us? Do we recognize that we are loved by God? Can we also recognize that we are anointed with a particular purpose that is granted to no one else? Isaiah, Mary and John have starring roles in the salvation of the world. While our roles may not be noted in the ages to follow, dare we believe that we are no less important?

❖ I am neither Isaiah nor Mary nor John the Baptist, but on most days I understand that I am a beloved child of God with a divine purpose. During this Advent season we can revive our own salvation history and emerge as an ambassador for Christ.

❖ Did you know that for many years our Archdiocese has had a sister parish in the Dominican Republic? We provide the priests for the parish of **La Sagrada Familia** (Holy Family Parish) as well as financial support. Today the ushers are giving you an attractive bookmark with interesting information about our sister parish. Because December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (patroness of the Americas) we are asked to send a special donation to the World Mission Ministries Office in support of La

Sagrada Familia. The address and website is listed on the bookmark. Please be generous in your support.

❖ Our parish cluster is providing two Advent Communal Reconciliation Services this week. I hope many of you can take advantage of this opportunity to prepare the way of the Lord. The schedule is in today's bulletin.

❖ As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him for a minute, and then gasped, "Didn't you get my e-mail?"

Fr. Mike & Comet

Scripture for the week of December 11, 2011

11	SUN	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
12	Mon	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
13	Tue	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
14	Wed	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
15	Thu	Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
16	Fri	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
17	Sat	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18	SUN	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday, December 12

8:00 am † John Cassidy (John Swanson)

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am † Mac McGovern (Mitzi McGovern)

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am † Tom Metzger (Mitzi & Stan Kasprzak)

Friday, December 16

8:00 am † Glenn Ackmann (Virginia Ackmann)

Saturday, December 17

(Sunday Liturgy)

5:00 pm † Conrad & Rosina Ettmayer (Family)
 † Mary & Kurt Obermayer & Pete Peterson (Family)

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 am † Deceased Members of the Aumann & Geiger Families (Family)
 10:15 am † Joe Marchese (Family)
 † John Bastle (Mike & Kathy Gotthardt)

WE NEED MORE GREETERS

We are in desperate need of more greeters for the 5:00 pm Saturday evening mass. We are very flexible with the schedule. Please consider helping to welcome your fellow parishioners to Mass. You may contact Dee Ooton at 262-246-6115 or Lori Jansen at 262-246-5942 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Sunday, December 18th** we will need many volunteers (men, women & teens) to help prepare the church for Christmas. We will start immediately after the 10:15 Mass.

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

- Deadline for Sunday, December 18th will be **Tuesday, December 13th at 9 AM.**
- Christmas bulletin deadline will be **Monday, December 19th at 9 AM.**

As usual you can either drop your article in the collection basket, bring it into the parish office, or email me at schmitzm@archmil.org.

Newsletter Deadline

I will be starting the January/February 2012 newsletter on **Monday, December 12th**. If you have an article that you would like included in the next newsletter, please have it to the parish office **no later than 9 AM on the 12th**. Bring it into the parish office, or email me at schmitzm@archmil.org.

Collators Needed

We have a large Christmas Season order of worship. If you can help collate this one, please come to the cafeteria at **8:30 AM this coming Wednesday, December 14th**.

The more volunteers we have the faster we can get this project done.

**Welcome & Congratulations
Michelle Beimborn**

On accepting the administrative assistant position for Christian Formation!

CLUSTER COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

To help prepare for Christmas the 2 Saints and a Good Shepherd cluster have scheduled two communal Penance services.

Good Shepherd (N88 W17658 Christman Road in Menomonee Falls) **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH** at 7 PM.

St. James **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH** at 10:30 AM in Church.

**COME JOIN US FOR
EVENING PRAYER**

This is an excellent way to prepare for the coming of Christ.

At St. James ~ 5:30 in the chapel:

- Tuesdays ~ December 13 & 20.

At Good Shepherd ~ 6:00 pm:

N88 W17658 Christmas Rd in Menomonee Falls

- Sundays, December 11 & 18.

Evening Prayer (Vespers), is a 30 to 40 minute celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It includes a celebration of light, psalm scriptures, intercessions, song and incense.

Christmas Break is Coming, Christmas Break is Coming, CHRISTMAS BREAK IS COMING!!!

What are you going to do with a houseful of kids that will be bored before you know it?

We have the solution, 3 different activities for LESS THAN \$10.00 a kid (that's a steal!!!)

- **Tuesday, Dec. 27th Ice-Skating** at the Petit from 1-4pm. We'll leave St. James by 12:20 pm & return around 4:30 pm. Cost \$5.00 admission -- \$3.00 skate rental -- \$2.00 transportation total = \$10.00 a kid
- **Wednesday, Dec. 28th Rockin' Bowling @ Village Bowl** 1-3pm. 2 games, shoe rental, soda & a hot dog only \$8.50!!
- **Thursday, Dec. 29th Dinner & a Movie** 4:30-8 pm. We'll gather at St. James to watch a Classic Christmas movie, have pizza for dinner (we'll have some games available to play as well) \$3.00 & a donation of 2 food items to the Food Pantry

ALL of these activities are open to kids in Grades 6-11 and their friends. Reservations for each activity are due by 4pm on Tuesday, December 20th. Call Tracy in the CF office 253-2908 or email dereszynskit@archmil.org to reserve a spot for ANY of these Activities.

Advent/Christmas Masses & Services Schedule for the 2 Saints and Good Shepherd Cluster

Services	Date	Day	Good Shepherd N88 W17658 Christman Rd. Menomonee Falls	St. James	St. Mary's N89 W16297 Cleveland Menomonee Falls
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	Saturday	4:30 PM 10:00 PM	3:30 PM 5:30 PM 10:30 PM	4:00 PM 10:00 PM
Christmas Day	Dec 25	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	9:00 AM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
New Years Eve	Dec. 31	Saturday	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
New Years Day-Morning-Solemnity of BVM	Jan. 1	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	8:15 AM 10:15 AM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
Feast of Epiphany-Vigil- Evening	Jan 7	Saturday	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Feast of the Epiphany	Jan 8	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	8:15 AM 10:15 AM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
Communal Reconciliation Service	Dec 13 Dec 17	Tuesday Saturday	7:00 PM	10:30 AM	
Individual Reconciliation	Nov. 26 Dec. 3 10 17	Saturday Saturday Saturday Saturday	3:30 PM	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	4:00 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM
	Dec. 1	Thursday	11:30 AM		
	Dec. 12 15 20	Monday Thursday Tuesday	6:00 PM 12:00 PM 11:30 AM		

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

All MEN and WOMEN who have lost a loved one are invited to Maxims Restaurant on Capitol Drive in Brookfield for friendship, a meal and sharing at 9:30a.m. on Monday December 19, 2011. 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!!!

A Message from the Administrative Office:

The 2011 financial books will be closed on Friday, December 30th at noon. Anyone wishing credit for this year please have your donations to the parish office **no later than Friday, December 30th** at noon.

BELLS, BELLS, BELLS!

Ring in the joy of the arrival of Our Savior. Bring your bells on Christmas Day as we join the angels with their Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

Adult Confirmation

A collaborative adult confirmation program will be offered beginning in January 2012. This is a special program organized by our cluster parishes and is designed for adults who have not yet been confirmed or those who would like to review some of the "basics" of our faith. It is being offered at Good Shepherd on Sundays and at St. James on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. At St. James the dates are: Jan. 18 orientation meeting; Jan. 25 Sacraments of Initiation; Feb. 1 The Mass; Feb. 8 Prayer; Feb. 15 The Creed; Feb. 29 Personal Morality; March 14 Scripture; March 21 Discipleship. Plus Easter Vigil rehearsal on April 3 and the Easter Vigil on April 7. If you are interested, contact Peg Flahive at flahivep@archmil.org or 262-253-2915.

HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Next year we will be looking for an **advent captain** to lead the team. Please consider serving in that leadership role. **There must be someone out there to respond to this need.** Our liturgical assistant, Sue Mangan is always there to assist. Please call Sue at 262-366-1211.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 11

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive & Troop #175
Selling Christmas Wreaths (Gathering Area)
Blood Pressure Screening (after Masses in the Great Room)

- 8:15 AM Break Open the Word during Mass
- 8:15 AM CF Classes, K4/K5
- 9:30 AM CF Classes, Grades 1-5
- 11:30 AM GIFT Program
- 6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting (Cafeteria)

Monday, December 12

- 6:00 PM Monday's with Mark
- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 175 Meeting (Cafeteria & Community Center)
- 7:00 PM Music Practice (Church)

Tuesday, December 13

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study (Great Room)
- 8:30 AM Bible Study with Fr. Mike (Great Room)
Day of Adoration (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM T.O.P.S. Meeting (Cafeteria)
- 10:00 AM Lord Teach Me To Pray (Reconciliation Room)
- 5:00 PM CF Classes, Grades 1-5
- 5:30 PM Evening Prayer (Chapel)
GIFT Program (Community Center)
- 6:30 PM CF Classes, Grades 1-5
- 7:00 PM Cluster Reconciliation Service, Good Shepherd
- 7:30 PM KC's Board Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room)

Wednesday, December 14

- 7:30 AM Rosary (Chapel)
- 8:30 AM **Collating the Christmas OOW** (Cafeteria)
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Great Room)
- 6:30 PM Patrol Leader Meeting (Youth Room)
Dartball (Cafeteria)
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Room 5)
Parish Council Meeting (Great Room)
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Community Cntr)
Music Practice (Church)

Thursday, December 15

- 9:00 AM Senior Bible Study (Great Room)
- 7:00 PM RCIA at St. Joseph Center
- 7:30 PM KC's Christmas Party (Community Center)

Friday, December 16

- 11:30 AM St. James Senior Christmas Party (Community Center)
- 5:30 PM CCOS Senior Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17

- 8:00 AM Lector Prep Session (Great Room & Church)
Girl Scout 4057 Christmas Party (Comm Cntr)
CCOS Christmas Gift Distribution (Cafeteria)
- 10:30 AM Cluster Communal Penance Service (Church)
- 6:30 PM Beyond Date Your Mate (out of parish)

Sunday, December 18

- 8:15 AM Break Open the Word during Mass
- 8:15 AM CF Classes, K4/K5
- 9:30 AM CF Classes, Grades 1-5
- 10:15 AM Baptisms at Mass
- 11:30 AM Decorate the Church for Christmas (Church)
- 6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting (Church Hall)

St. James Exchange

Dear Friends & Neighbors: The St. James Exchange is offered as a way for you to express your needs, dreams and desires, and to help others attain their needs, dreams and desires. It is offered in hopes of engendering friendships, caring and sharing of time, talent and ideas among the members of this community.

- **LANNON HOME FOR SALE** ~ 13 year old split plan ranch with 2/3 acre on beautiful wooded lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open concept with sunroom and deck. Please visit website: www.lannonhouse.weebly.com for information and photos or call 262-502-0957 for showings by appointment
- **FOR SALE**—An affordable, complete computer set. Includes modem, keyboard, mouse, speakers, plus printer/copier machine. It's about 5 years old, but has been reconditioned and runs good. Asking \$125.00 or best offer to someone who really can use this set, but can't afford a brand new one now. If interested, please call Pat at 262-820-3434.
- **WANTED**— Roommate to rent 1 bedroom of a 3 bedroom home. Town of Lisbon off Plainview Road includes utilities, cable and parking. Large yard, furnished—\$800 per month. No lease required but 1 month security deposit. Call Mike at 262-751-1217.
- **FOR SALE** —Complete nativity set, outdoors, can be lighted. \$45.00 or BO. Call Kay @ 262 246 8285

Name: _____ Wanted Offered
City: _____ Kids Corner Other
Phone No.: _____ (check one of the above)

>>>IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL MICHELE @ 251-3944.<<<

What I need or What I have to offer is: (please print)

IMPORTANT NOTE: St. James Exchange is a service provided to share resources within our community. However, St. James cannot be held responsible for transactions, goods or services exchanged. No items for exchange are to be left at St. James for drop off or pick-up. The St. James Exchange cannot be used by business establishments or individuals to solicit goods or services for profit.

More information regarding the Exchange on page 6

ST. JAMES EXCHANGE Information & Deadlines

HOW TO ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT: Fill out the information form and be sure to include your phone number. (Use a blank sheet of paper if more space is needed.) **ITEMS OR SERVICES YOU WANT TO OFFER:** The St. James Exchange does offer items for sale at the discretion of the editor. You may also use the Exchange to offer items or services for free or in exchange for other goods or services. The deadline for our next issue, **January 8, 2012** is **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012**

NO ST. JAMES EXCHANGE THE LAST SUNDAY OF DECEMBER 2011

DROP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR MAIL TO:

St. James Exchange ~ W220 N6588 Town Line Rd. ~ Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

OR

Call or Email Diana in parish office at 251-3944

Email: wyszkowskid@archmil.org

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

In your December statements you should have received a Christmas Memorial Envelope. If you did not receive one, envelopes will be available in the Gathering Area of the Church or the parish office. This is a way to honor the memory of a loved one or to remember someone who is very special in your life who doesn't need a material gift. Fill out the envelope with the names of those you wish to remember. Please identify if they are living or deceased and also **print their name clearly**. Put your offering in the envelope and return it to the parish office **no later than Sunday, December 18th. (If I do not have the names by the 18th of December I cannot promise that those you want remembered will be included in the Christmas bulletin.)** We will print the names in the Christmas bulletin so that your loved ones will be a part of our Christmas prayer.

If you receive your statements through the internet, please check the various publication racks at each exit for an envelope.

Christmas Masses for the Homebound

Homebound Catholics unable to attend Christmas Mass at their parish this year may tune in to one of the following:

- December 24 - Relevant Radio –WPJP, FM 100, 8:30 pm
- December 25 - WCGV-TV, channel 24, 9 am
- December 25 - WITI-TV, channel 6, 5:30 am
- December 25 - WOKY 920 AM Radio, 8 - 8:30 am

All of the Masses will be celebrated by Fr. John Puodziunas, OFM, from the Christ King Chapel at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. For more information, please contact the communication office at (414) 769-3435.

Directory

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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:15 am & 10:15 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

PARISH STAFF:

Administrative Office

Fr. Michael F. Moran, Administrator 253-2212

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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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY)

The cluster wide men's Biblically based leadership development program is finishing its first 13 weekly sessions on Wednesday, December 14th. The second semester of 13 weekly Wednesdays will begin on January 25th, 2012. The sessions will be held at St. Mary's parish in Menomonee Falls. Each session is free and starts at 5:30 a.m. with networking and a continental breakfast, followed by a multimedia DVD presentation on a current topic bringing in scriptural guidance and knowledge, followed by small group discussions. A closing prayer concludes each session by 7:00 a.m. or time to get you off to work. Make a New Year's resolution to strengthen your faith and leadership skills as a husband, father, mentor or leader in the community by attending next semester's TMIY program. For more information contact Paul Schneider at (414) 587-1202 or pschneider@wi.rr.com

Becoming Advent People – Migration Week

On January 7-8, 2012, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord will mark the beginning of the Church's observance of National Migration Week.

Catholic social teaching on immigration has biblical roots, both in the Old and New Testaments. Israel, the Chosen People, was oppressed into slavery in Egypt; with God's help, the Israelites escaped into the desert until God fulfilled for them the promise of a land they could call home. In addition to Mathew's gospel story of Joseph and Mary escaping to Egypt to protect their child, the New Testament also gives us the Apostle Paul who firmly establishes the equality of all people before God: "There is neither Jew nor Greek....for you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28)

The third principle of Catholic social teaching on immigration states that "a country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration"; this is followed by a fourth principle, which is "a country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy". While people have a right to migrate, no country is required to accept all that want to enter. But a country cannot simply decide to take care of its own people and no one else. Immigration policies that are just and merciful will be concerned about all people and will take into account the rights of families to live together. An immigration policy that allows people to live in the U.S. as contributors to society but fails to offer an opportunity to achieve legal status does not serve the common good.

As natives or immigrants, we are comforted by Paul's letter today – there is a need to always rejoice, even in difficult times. We must seek to do what is right and just, despite the temptation to give in or give up in the face of life's struggles.