

St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

May 24, 2020



7th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." - Jn 17:3



**LATEST COVID-19 NEWS FROM DCN SANDY
(For both Good Shepherd and St. James)
May 21, 2020**

As has become weekly practice, here is the latest news regarding COVID-19, and the recently announced “*Catholic Comeback*”.

REMINDER: CATHOLIC COMEBACK PHASE 1, THE PENTECOST MASS:

As previously reported, given Phase 1 of the archbishops Catholic Comeback Plan, we will have two masses on Pentecost weekend. (This is assuming that there is no significant negative trend in new Coronavirus cases and deaths between now and Pentecost.) We will have a 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday May 30 at Good Shepherd, and a 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday May 31 at St. James. In each instance, given the archbishop’s directive, we can only allow 25% of the worship space to be filled.

PENTECOST AND CATHOLIC COMEBACK PHASE 1 MASS SCHEDULE:

Thanks to the many hundreds of you who participated in our survey sent at the end of last week, we have a better idea of what we might expect in regards to the number who feel ready to return to public Mass. As such, wanting to accommodate everyone who wishes to come to Mass, we estimate that it will take several weeks to get all who are ready back to Mass. As a result, here is our Good Shepherd and St. James initial Catholic Comeback Mass schedule for the first three weeks of the Comeback:

- **May 30-31:** Last name beginning with **P-Z** are invited to attend
- **June 6-7:** Last name beginning with **H-O** are invited to attend
- **June 11-12:** Last name beginning with **A-G** are invited to attend

You do not have to go to your parish. You may choose to go to either parish given there will be one Saturday Mass and one Sunday Mass.

Deciding on this schedule was difficult. We recognize this will disappoint some who have an immediate desire to return to Mass. We ask for your patience, understanding and support as we proceed cautiously desiring to care for both the spiritual and physical well-being of every single member of our flock. We remind you that we will continue to post these Masses on both parish websites for those who do not wish to return yet, and for those awaiting their turn per the 3 week schedule. We also remind you that the archbishop has suspended the “Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass” until July 5.

PENTECOST AND CATHOLIC COMEBACK PHASE 1 LOGISTICS:

You either have already, or will very soon, receive a direct mail at you homes with instructions on how to safely return to Mass for the first 3 weeks of the Comeback starting with Pentecost. We understand that this will all be difficult, but we ask for your diligence in adhering to the directions for the good of all. We, as Catholics, are a pro-life Church and, as such, one of our core beliefs as is to protect all life. So it is in the interest of keeping everyone safe and caring for each other that we ask you to strictly adhere to the instructions. The archbishop and your parish leadership may make adjustments to the instructions given what we experience at the Pentecost Masses

HOW ARE OUR PRIESTS? HOW IS OUR STAFF? HOW ARE OUR PARISHIONERS?

Given a variety of pressing issues, we were not able to get the much anticipated parish music video out last week as I had indicated in my article last week. The video is complete. It is a snapshot into the lives of our priests, staffs, and many parishioners lives during these COVID days. We hope it brings you a smile. Check our Facebook and the websites for the link which should go up by this weekend.

NOTES FOR THE COMING WEEKS:

- We will monitor closely any new news we receive from the archbishop regarding when we will be allowed to increase capacity for public Mass. If you have not already, check the parish websites for the archbishop’s latest document “Catholic Comeback Matrix” outlining the three phases of the Comeback.
- We continue to increase the number of funeral Memorial Masses that need to be scheduled. We will contact families in the order of the date of death and begin to schedule Memorial Masses when allowed.

- We also have many weddings that have been postponed and will be rescheduled.
- We will record the Mass for the Ascension of the Lord and, as we have done for 10 weeks now, post it on both parish websites and social media pages, on Sunday, May 24. Please consider joining us virtually.
- Many have asked about the status of the Love One Another Capital Campaign. You should have received a letter but, if not, know it has been postponed not cancelled. If you had already made a pledge, thank you. Know that no payments are expected until the campaign resumes. If you have not made a pledge, you will be contacted once the campaign resumes.
- Keep checking the bulletin, parish website, and Facebook page for news.

Do not hesitate to write or call me with questions, information, and ideas.

Offering and asking for patience, understanding and support -

Deacon Sandy



Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/ Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/ Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Observances for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable,
Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin;
Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
THIS WEEKEND MAY 23rd THROUGH
May 29th**

Annette & Oscar Grieb (Barbara Grieb)
Francis Fleischmann (Barbara Grieb)
Mary Gruber (Family)
Richard Kurylo (Rita Kurylo)
Ron McCann (Bill & Cathy Roskopf)
Richard Jaskolski (Elaine Jaskolski)
St. James Parishioners



Please know that your loved ones were prayed for at our weekend Mass for May 24th and will be prayed for throughout the week as well. The St. James/ Good Shepherd Sunday Mass can be accessed via our website.

www.stjames-parish.com

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Joseph Knueppel & Hailey Coleman



A Note from Barb

ALTHOUGH WE ARE APART . . .

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us.

May all that we do flow from our deep connection with You and all beings.

Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory.

Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world.

(please add your own intentions)

Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.

Thank you Fr. Richard Roehr, Franciscan Spiritual writer and thinker, for helping us to continue our daily discipleship as the Body of Christ.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to the St. James Seasonal Planners, Jean, Bob, Gabe, Chuck and Marge, for dreaming our Easter Season and beyond, and for our Prayer and Worship Committee, Joan, Peggy, Mary, Bob, Adam, and Matthew, for making it all happen. They have continued to journey with me during this unusual time for all of us. Amen! Alleluia!

What you, our St. James family, experience at Sunday Eucharist would not be possible without them.

A Note from Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse

You're making sure that you are following CDC guidelines, thoroughly washing your hands and wearing a mask when appropriate, but what else can you do to try to keep healthy?

There are many foods that are great immunity boosters. These include: elderberry, button mushrooms, acai berry, oysters, watermelon, wheat germ, low-fat yogurt, spinach, tea, sweet potato, broccoli, garlic, miso, chicken soup, pomegranate juice, and ginger.



So add a few of these to your shopping list and boost your immune system. While none of these items will keep you from getting sick, a healthy robust immune system can help fight illness when it happens.

STAY INFORMED

Each week St. James sends out a weekly email entitled **THIS WEEK AT ST JAMES.**

The purpose of the email is to remind parish members of events, activities, and special needs for the upcoming weekend.

If you are not receiving this email and would like to, please send your email address to Diana in the Parish Office at wyszkowskid@archmil.org and ask to be added to the list.

JUST AS A REMINDER:

The ONLY online giving available by St. James is **through our website "Abundant"** at stjames-parish.com
Use the "donate here" button.

Be careful of scams!



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

St. James Community Garden

These last two weeks the garden volunteers have done their best 'Amazon' imitation. We arranged to hold our plant sale using online orders. It was a first for us. Picture organizing 1,800 plants into categories (standard tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, patio tomatoes, herbs, bell peppers, hot peppers, etc.) and then into varieties like 'Be My Baby' and 'California Wonder'.

When that is done, the next step is to fill several dozen online orders which have any one of a number of pick-up times over two weekends. Are you getting the picture? And we're amateurs trying our hand at this for the first time.

Throughout it all there was some head scratching and a few creative work arounds, but it got done. Plants were distributed last weekend and the delivery of plants will finish this weekend, just in time for the Memorial Day deadline so many of us use as a guide for putting plants in the ground.

We can take a short breather before we put our own plants in the church gardens. We want to get them going because we anticipate that the need at the pantry will be great this year.



Thank you for supporting our 'sale', for donating, for helping out, for being patient. We get it that we're not Amazon, but between you and our volunteers, we can be Amazon!

As always, contact Paul Schneider with questions and comments at

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email him at: pschneider@wi.rr.com**

(Submitted by Nancy Van Caster)

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE - UPDATE

We all know that the Coronavirus has impacted everyone around the globe, many have lost their jobs, children are home and not able to play with friends or go back to school to learn. In families where parents have to work and leave their children at home, it becomes a place for the most vulnerable, our children, to get on the internet and meet up with people (traffickers) who will start the grooming process.



It is so much more important now, that we continue to monitor their activities online. Trafficking is on the upswing, and our children are at stake! I felt it would be a good time to start a series of Myth's that a local woman in Waukesha County has allowed us to share.

Myth #1: Trafficking Does Not Happen Here

Believing this only empowers the traffickers and makes our children and our communities that much more vulnerable. There have been trafficking cases reported in all 72 counties of Wisconsin so we are not immune. The recent arrest of a former KMHS principal is a painful reminder bad stuff can and does happen here.

Deacon Steve questions when society will start focusing on itself. He is often invited to preach and give talks related to trafficking. When people realize the location of the Franciscan Peacemakers (3333 W. Lisbon Ave. in Milwaukee), the reaction he hears is, "It's those people." Yet, Deacon Steve says, not a week goes by without him receiving a call from Waukesha County, Washington County, Fond Du Lac or Sheboygan. The caller is a mom who needs help finding her daughter. A retired Sheboygan detective told Deacon Steve the demand is growing for younger and younger victims. The owners of strip clubs, who have ties to Milwaukee strip clubs and the closed strip clubs in Dodge County, are recruiting underage girls. "The city is a good place to hide everything in plain sight, but it is happening everywhere," Deacon Steve says.

Next up: MYTH #2 - There is Nothing I Can Do

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God's love for us while we do fun activities like play
games, make crafts, do science experiments, and sing
songs. VBS is open to kids entering **3K-5th grade**.
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We will also have 6th grade Leadership camp, and 7th graders &
up can volunteer at VBS.

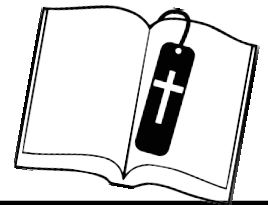
Break Open the Word at Home

**Are your kids missing their regular mass routine?
Do they need more help understanding the mass?**

Join us for Break Open the Word at Home!

**This virtual format can be found on our website
www.stjames-parish.com/children each weekend.**

It features readings from the Chil-
dren's Lectionary, things to discuss
as a family and activities to be done
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tinue each weekend until we can be
together at church again!



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We are only accepting FOOD donations & MONETARY donations at this time.
NO clothing or household items.
For monetary donations you can go to www.sussexareasos.org and donate online.

Thank you for your support.

Due to the Coronavirus St. James is currently closed and we have limited staff on-site. Many are working from home so if you need to reach them we would suggest sending them an email.
If you don't email and it's not an emergency you can feel free to call our direct lines and leave a voicemail knowing it may take awhile to hear back.

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The SVdP Collection Box is located in front of the parish garage directly across the driveway from the parish office. The SVdP white box is emptied weekly and items are taken to the SVdP Store in Waukesha. The donated items are sold in the store, located on Sunset Drive and proceeds are used to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. When our Vincentians encounter an individual or family who needs clothing or other items, they are given a voucher to shop at the SVdP store free of charge. So either way, know that your donations benefit those in need.

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