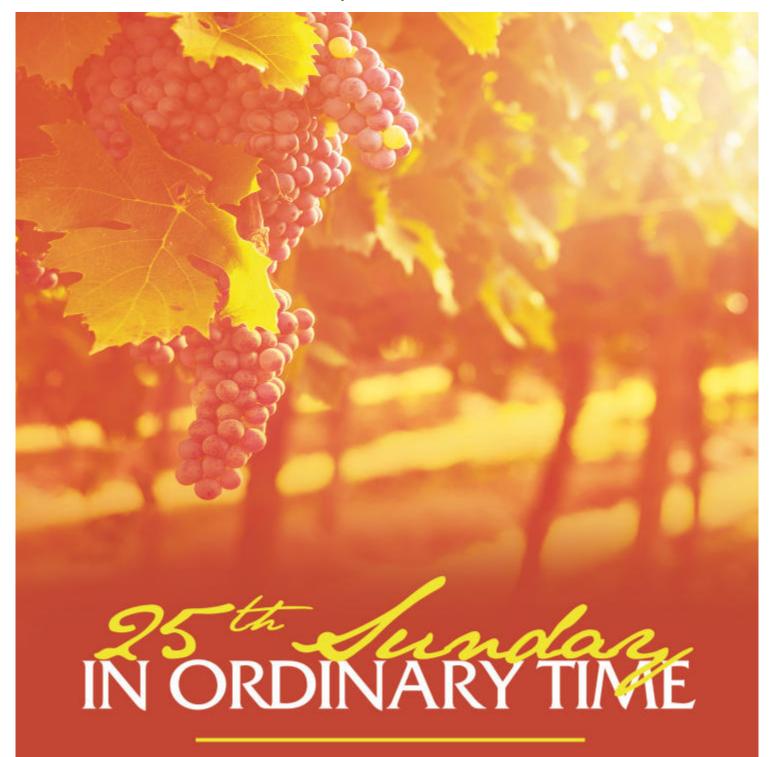
St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

September 20, 2020



"When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:8



We would like to express our sympathy to the family of **Michael LeDonne**. May he find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 19th & 20th

George Winiarski (Family & Friends)
Larry & Mark Spranger (Family)
Richard Kurylo (Rita Kurylo)
Camillo D'Amico (Eda & Family)
Carole Nettesheim (Family)
Marjorie Friess (Family)



Please know that your loved ones were prayed for at our weekend Masses and will be prayed for throughout the week as well.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 am Mass at Good Shepherd

Friday, September 25 (in Church)

8:00 am Annette & Oscar Grieb (Barbara Grieb)

Francis Fleischmann (Barbara Grieb)

Saturday, September 26

4:30 pm Roxanne Shaffer (Family)

Leipzig Family (Family)

Ray Schoedl (Judy Schoedl)

Sunday, September 27 (Sunday Liturgy)

9:00 am Lorraine Schroeder (Family)

Michael Eaton (Diane Schroeder)

Mary Gruber (Family)
Richard Zoeller (Family)

All of the deceased St. Vincent de Paul Members of our St. James conference

(St. James' St. Vincent de Paul)

"LIFE IN CHRIST!"



Holy Baptism Please welcome the following children baptized during the month of September at St. James—

Macie Marie, child of Sean & Rachael; Calvin Walker, child of Brad & Kate; Brooks Benjamin, child of Benjamin & Shawna; Peyton Rae, child of Cody & Sarah; Jaylee Jean, child of Joshua; Kenley Alice, child of Michael & Virginia; and Eden Rose, child of Jacob & Lisa.

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

[35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

[105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc

[1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and

17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-

11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical

Sunday Monday:

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Income for the weekend of September 12 & 13:

 Stewardship (Daily Operating)
 \$ 14,956.75

 Line of Credit
 \$ 780.00

 Catholic Education
 \$ 310.00

 Offertory (basket)
 \$ 251.00

 Total
 \$ 16,297.75



Current Status: PHASE 2

We are delighted that more and more or you are coming back to Mass! For those who have returned, welcome! For those who do not feel they are ready yet to return, rest assured we have gone to great lengths to assure an uplifting liturgical experience complete with Eucharist, and know we will continue to diligently follow sanitizing, social distancing, and masking requirements from the archdiocese, state and local government, and the Wisconsin Department of Health.

We have made a number of decisions regarding the number of Masses we will offer, our return to Christian Formation, and a return of some of our ministries.

MASSES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

In October we will continue with the 4:30 Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday Masses. We believe that we will be able to accommodate all who wish to return given we are adding additional socially distances seats in the Main Church and in the Narthex/Gathering area. We are also getting ready to implement streaming audio and video media into the Community Center in the event we exceed safe capacity in the Main Church.

MASSES STARTING IN NOVEMBER

In November, and hopefully continuing uninterrupted until when we will return to our Summer schedule, we will have a 4:30 Saturday Mass, and two Sunday morning Masses at 8:15 and 10:30 AM.

Also in November, we are delighted to announce that we will have Fr. Don Thimm join us as a second assisting priest. He and Fr. Dennis will cover most of our Masses for the foreseeable future. Please welcome Fr. Don!

NEED FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are in need of additional liturgical ministers for the Sunday Masses including communion captain, communion ministers, sanitizers, and acolytes. Please consider this wonderful ministry. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We also are starting our Fall/Winter child and youth Christian Formation programs. We offer both live and virtual options. We want to acknowledge and thank the many families who desire the live option and therefore are going to be asked to go to Mass on Saturday and then bring their children for Christian Formation on Sunday. We know that this is a hardship - again - we thank you. Please call our Christian Formation Office for details.

MINISTRIES

Following allowances in Phase 2 of the archdiocese Catholic Comeback Plan, we are beginning to allow a few ministries to return to gathering in the building. We have designated a finite number of spaces that will allow for proper social distancing and we will be vigilant regarding sanitizing these spaces. We will require masks be worn at all times while in the building. Please contact the parish office should your ministry be interested in returning. We may not be able to accommodate every ministry initially. We seek your patience and understanding as we work through this. Rest assured that, at some point in time, all ministries will be allowed to gather again - we just don't know exactly when that date will be.

MOVING FORWARD

Deacon Sandy

Rest assured that we will continue to closely monitor archdiocese, state, and health department guidelines, and stand ready to make any adjustments that may be needed for the common good in the future. Know that we remain committed to both your spiritual and physical well-being.

Your brother in Christ -		

ATTENTION!!

Engaged Couples Blessing at St. James Sunday – OCTOBER 4th, 2020 at the 9:00 am Mass

St. James will have a blessing for all those engaged couples getting married. Please bring parents, your bridal party, friends or relatives to share this celebration.

Please wear a mask and we will also be social distancing.



Even if you have not met with your FOCCUS couple yet, you are still invited to come and be part of the blessing.

Please mark this date on your calendar

There will be couples to greet you as you come into Church. For more information and to RSVP, please call John or Louise Vos 262-439-8559 or email – loujon2013@gmail.com

Gift, Gratitude and Joy: An "At Home" Retreat

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Waukesha County Creation Care Network invite you to Gift, Gratitude, and Joy: Finding Our Sacred Roots in God's Creation an



"At-Home" Retreat on the Feast of St. Francis.

This online ecumenical retreat begins Friday October 2, 2020 in the evening and continues through Sunday October 4, 2020.

This retreat is great for people searching for a deeper understanding of Franciscan spirituality, a Christian foundation for Caring for Creation, and/or a prayerful moment in these challenging times.

The retreat is designed to participate in together as a community, but know that all materials will be available after the listed times for individuals to go at their own pace.

Check out this link for more information:

https://gift-gratitude-and-joy-retreat.eventbrite.com/

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Waukesha County Creation Care Network. Free.

Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

Volunteer your time and talents to the St. James Parish community by becoming a member of the St. James Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council serves in a consultative role to the Parish Director, Deacon Sandy Sites. The main focus for the upcoming year will be a parish strategic plan. Members serve three-year terms running from September through June each year.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Currently, due to COVID -19, we are meeting virtually.

To be eligible to serve, an individual must be:

- A baptized, practicing Catholic
- At least 18 years of age
- A registered member of our parish
- A participant in parish life, especially Mass and the sacraments
- Note: Parish employees and their family members are ineligible to serve. Husbands and wives, siblings, or parent and child may not serve together on councils

To learn more about serving on the council contact Pastoral Council Chair, Terry Brecklin at tbrecklin@gmail.com

Expecting a baby? Just had a baby? Welcome them into our church through the sacrament of Baptism!

We recognize a child's baptism is an exciting time for parents, godparents and families, and we want to celebrate this special event with you.

Baptisms are currently offered at most weekend masses, or can be scheduled privately if family members have health concerns.

First-time parents and those new to St. James are required to participate in a pre-baptism session that covers catechesis on the sacrament of Baptism,

an explanation of the baptismal rite, the role of godparents and time for faith sharing.

For more information, visit the website under the Baptism tab or contact Kristin Kebis at kebisk@archmil.org



From Your Prayer & Worship and St. James' Seasonal Planners

(Joan Mary, Jessica, Peggy, Bob, Chuck, Adam, Gabe, Marge, Jean, and Barb)

Hello Everyone,

Your worship teams have been working very diligently to help you to grow in the knowledge and understanding of an amazing God who loved us before we were even born, and for sure during this peculiar time in our lives.

As of August 16th, we began sharing with you the "Something to Ponder" which appears on the cover of the Order of Worship as well as in our bulletin.

We hope you will tune in and perhaps use this as your personal retreat at home. Why not give it a try and enter into our Something to Ponder opportunity. Perhaps it will deepen your spirituality and be of help to you.

Something to ponder this week . . .

"The great 'I AM'". . Making all things new!

Psalm 46:10 is among over 300 references using **I AM** to describe God. So we refer to the **biblical** God as "the great **I AM**".

Moses frustration and confusion is clearly seen in Exodus 3,

Moses encounters God in the burning bush.

God wants Moses to go to Egypt to demand that Pharaoh release the Israelites from slavery.

Moses could foresee a problem.

"When I say 'The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob sent me to you.' The Israelites will ask me, 'But what is god's actual name?'

"What shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you."

So for us:

- 1. God is not eager to give out a name because then we think we can simply cry out for God to turn to us to do <u>our</u> will.
- 2. "I AM WHO I AM" means God exists...alive, present and active. Another translation is "I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE" meaning God is not fixed or static, but changes to stay in changing conditions and evolving events. . .

 always making all things new.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

MORNING MASS ON FRIDAYS

(unless there's a Friday funeral)

Due to the number of those attending morning Mass on Fridays at 8:00 a.m., we continue to <u>temporarily</u> celebrate Mass over in Church in order to accommodate everyone while social distancing continues to be necessary.

You are also welcome to join Good Shepherd Parishioners for morning Mass on Tuesdays at 8:30 am.

Looking for a place to pray?

Our outdoor Prayer Labyrinth is always open!

Spend some time walking the Labyrinth in prayer or use the bench in the center for some quiet reflection.



You can find our Prayer Labyrinth in the far northeast corner of our property right by the pond. Just remember to practice social distancing if you find a fellow parishioner there.

Prayer Labyrinth

St. James Blood Drive



Did you know that every 30 seconds someone in Wisconsin needs blood? When you donate blood you are a

Versiti/Blood Center of Wisconsin is now testing all successful donors blood for COVID 19 antibodies, those that test positive will be asked to donate plasma to help those with COVID 19 recover to new more quickly.

Please consider donating on September 28th, the drive will run from 2pm-7pm.

Schedule an appointment by typing bit.ly/stjames092820 into any web browser, or contact Brigitte Glinski at glinskib@archmil.org for help.

A Note from Brigitte Glinski, Parish Nurse

"And God said: Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for food." Genesis 1:29.



Eating smart to stay healthy is essential to the body. It is important that you stay CHOICES smart about the loous you can by making wise food choices. One way to smart about the foods you eat by do this is to follow the Food Guide

Pyramid or My Plate and develop a plan for meals and snacks that are healthy. Another way is to add color to your plate by eating more fruits and vegetables. These foods are packed with vitamins, minerals, and fibers and may help prevent some cancers and lower blood pressure.

Not only do you have to eat sensible portions, but you also have to be physically active to remain healthy. If you are not currently active, think of ways to increase your activity, for example parking the car further from your final destination and walking the rest of the way, or taking the stairs instead of the escalator. Start today, so that you take steps to learn new behaviors, develop new habits & get your temple on the right path to eating smart and staying healthy.

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ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY GARDENS

Sooo close. So close we could almost taste them. There are many satisfactions in gardening, but, as in any project, there are frustrations as well. We may spend nearly the entire season tending those plants. We start them indoors as seeds, help them germinate, gently get them used to the outdoors and transplant them. We check that they are getting enough water and nutrients; we chase off the hungry critters and then get ready to harvest.

And then, this last week the rains came. They are not a problem for most plants, but they are a problem for tomatoes. You see, tomatoes pretty much drink whatever is available and when it rains a lot they 'drink' alot. So much that their skins pop because they just don't know when to stop. The tomatoes that were red and firm and healthy last week end up with mushy, peeling skins that can even attract mold. And we can't share tomatoes that look like that.

At least we are not in the same position as the farmers in Iowa who experienced devastating crop damage when a Derecho blew through and destroyed more than forty percent of the corn crop. But it is another reminder that we are not in charge and that food is precious, especially for anyone who is struggling right now.

Our season is approaching it's end. More and more of the beds are empty. Despite the challenges we feel our season will be a successful one. Hopefully you are in a good spot too. As always, thank -you for the many ways you have helped us.

Comments and questions are always welcome. Send them to Paul Schneider at (414) 587-1202 or email him at: pschneider@wi.rr.com

(Submitted by Nancy Van Caster)

SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items

Drop items off at the Food Pantry, Monday thru Friday between 10 am & noon (just ring the bell at the back door) or can be left in the barrels at Piggly Wiggly and Pick N Save.

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Canned Vegetables (green beans, carrots, peas & mixed) Pasta sides, rice sides & potato sides

Manwich

Pudding & Jell-O Oatmeal Packets Pancake mix & syrup Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant Shampoo & Conditioner Toothpaste & Tooth brushes Toilet Paper



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Thank you for your support.

ZOOM IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Good Shepherd invites you to virtual presentations this Fall on Sundays at 11:00.

You need a computer with speakers & a microphone, or a mobile device such as a smart phone or tablet. They will provide you with easy instructions. Contact Marguerite at:

262-255-2035, ext 3898 or margueritet@archmil.org

September 27 & October 4, 2020 Sacraments: The Truth About Ourselves A two part series on the sacraments Fr. Jose Eluvathingal



Sacraments reveal deeper meanings regarding our existence. Through them we become aware of the true nature of ourselves and others. This awareness helps us celebrate who we are and live our life without undue anxiety.

Fr. Jose is a Pallottine priest who works as a psychotherapist with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He has a doctorate in psychology. The impact of spirituality on our psychological wellbeing is his primary research focus.

RETROVAILLE WEEKEND **OCTOBER 16-18**

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase: During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-VI with a long I) a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables couples to take a good look at most areas of their relationships. After each presentation, they have time to privately discuss the previous presentation.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend October 16-18, 2020 in Oconomowoc.

please call (414) 502-7685 or email: Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org or visit the website at http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org

St. James is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life. Due to the Corona virus St. James offices & buildings are 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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