St. James Parish ~ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

December 12, 2021





Delight in the Hope of Justice and Peace

Surround me with Your presence, Lord.
Clear my mind of countless concerns
and all the holiday noise.
Let me not be in a rush, instead
I want to feel Your hush.



CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas - perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years - please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Growne E. Kisterk

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki

Archbishop of Milwaukee

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday, December 14

8:30 am Mass at Good Shepherd

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am Louis Strause (George & Donna Vopal)

Friday, December 17

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

Francis Fleischmann (Barbara Grieb)

Saturday, December 18

4:30 pm George Winiarski (Family & Friends)

Ray Schoedl (Family) Joseph Bittner (Maria Bittner)

Sunday, December 19

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8:15 am Delores Knezinek (Bill Saladin)

Jude Kroening (John Swanson)

10:30 am Bill Taylor (Family)

"LIFE IN CHRIST!"

Baptism Please welcome the following children being baptized during the month of

December at St. James:

Reagan Dorothy, daughter of Luke & Theresa; and Lawrence Michael, son of Nickolas & Samantha.

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/

Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,

8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and Tuesday:

23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-

12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b

[2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/

Mt 1:1-17

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/ Saturday:

Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/

Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Tuesday:

Church Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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UPCOMING EVENTS

This weekend! FAIR TRADE SALE AT ST. JAMES

The Good Shepherd Central America Group, which includes some St. James parishioners, will be holding a Fair Trade Sale at St. James after all Masses on the weekend of **December 11th & 12th**. Items for purchase will include fair trade coffee, chocolate bars, cocoa, and olive oil in addition to numerous hand-made wooden crafts, jewelry and leather goods from El Salvador.

Good Shepherd has had a sistering relationship with the Salvadoran Village of Ella Curia since 1990 when two Good Shepherd members went on a delegation to the village while the country was still in the midst of a Civil War. Since that time several delegations have made the trip including St. James parishioners Ed Schlumpf (twice) and Bob Schuelke (once).

Since it was formed, the Central America Group has assisted its Sister Community in acquiring land, building houses, obtaining clean drinking water, building a school, paying teachers, establishing child care and building a church. Proceeds from the Fair Trade Sale are used to help in these efforts.

The village takes its name from Fr. Ignacio Ella Curia, a Spanish Jesuit who was one of six brutally murdered priests that taught at the University of El Salvador. Many other were killed including Archbishop Oscar Romero, recently canonized as a saint by the Vatican.

Christian Formation Christmas Celebrations

CF Sunday morning students in $4k - 5^{th}$ grade will celebrate Christmas with a program of music & a play in church on Sunday, Dec 19^{th} at 9:30 a.m.

Please help us to ease the flow of traffic on that day by exiting the church promptly after 8:15 mass or waiting to enter the church for 10:30 mass until after the program has ended.

Our Tuesday night CF students in 1st-11th grade will have an evening of song, story &

prayer in church on
Tuesday, Dec 21st at 6pm.

Parishioners are welcome to join us for either event.



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Break Open the Word SUNDAYS at the 8:15 & 10:30 Masses during Advent

Children age 3 through 5th grade will once again be invited to join us for an age-appropriate presentation of the Liturgy of the Word over Advent. Families begin Mass together and the children are called forward after the opening prayer.

BOW uses readings from the Children's Lectionary, which is simplified to be more understandable, and includes conversation and related activities to engage the children with the Gospel message. All children are welcome and no registration is needed!

Evening Prayer at Good Shepherd

at 6:00 PM on the four Sundays of Advent, **December 12, 19.**

The Church gathers in the evening to give thanks for the day that is ending. For many centuries Christians have consecrated time by celebrating the **Liturgy of the Hours**. This ancient rite is the prayer of the whole church. It can be celebrated as easily with a lay presider as under the leadership of an ordained priest or deacon.

Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours can underline the importance of prayer or can help a small group experience its place in a church that spans miles and centuries.



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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASS TIMES AT ST. JAMES

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:
3:30 in church (Mask optional for all seating)
3:30 in Community Center (Masks required with social distancing)
5:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 26th (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph) 9:00 a.m.



MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS UPDATES



A Candlelight Christmas

Are you looking for "A Wonderful Christmas Concert?" Look no further. Your very own St. James Music Ministers will present "A Candlelight Christmas" Concert at 8:30 pm, right here in Church prior to the 9:00 Mass.

Perhaps this is the year many of you might say—YES, let's experience "A Candlelight Christmas."

Bells—Bells—Bells

Bring bells from home to all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This will add a special joy and excitement as we celebrate the birth of *Jesus* -



Our example of love and salvation for the world.

GIVING TREE PROJECT

This is the last weekend to drop off your GIFT CARDS for the Giving Tree Project!

The donations will be divided between our target charities.

(Please make sure each gift card indicates amount)

Why: The Giving Tree Project of St. James will continue to support our Priority Relationships with Hebron House, ERAS, Sussex Outreach Services and St. Vincent de Paul.



Feel free to email with any questions: grellen8@gmail.com

HUMAN CONCERNS

NO Food Donations for St. Ben's Needed for December!

We have enough food donations
for St. Ben's for the month of December
so take this month off!
We appreciate your service
to this ministry!
Merry Christmas!
Jeff and Lynn Kenkel 262-227-9862

ST. JAMES & GOOD SHEPHERD ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE

CALENDAR ALERT!!! Good news for all!
St. James will host Peace + All Good,
formerly known as
Gifts for the Journey
on December 18th and 19th!



This is the first time they'll be back in person since the pandemic started! Come ready to buy your last minute Christmas Gifts! The gift helps support the women who have previously been trafficked as they begin anew!

 Speaking of good news! Peace + All Good received the Biz Times Media Annual Nonprofit Excellence Awards for best Social Enterprise Award! Congratulate them when you see them! If you want to learn more about what this ministry does together, please email Deb Schneider at

djschneider86@gmail.com

ALSO -

- Remember, there will be no sandwich making for December due to the Christmas Holiday, but will return to making sandwiches for Franciscan Peacemakers on January 28th, 2022.
- Franciscan's Community Care recipient for the month of December and until the end of the year is the Open Door Cafe at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The soap and lotion purchased for Open Door Cafe will be given to guests of the Open Door Cafe who utilize the Hygiene Kits offered on a monthly basis. The Open Door Cafe serves more than 30,000 people each year who experience hunger and homelessness in downtown Milwaukee. Go to franciscanpeacemakers.org/collections and click on the Shop link and click on the Community Care link, follow directions there.

All Parish Families should have received your 2022 Parish Financial Stewardship Letter & Commitment Card In the mail.

Please carefully read the letter and brochure and return your commitment card before December 31, 2021.

This mailing is in addition to the regular monthly statement letter sent to all families every month.

St. James' Weekly Tithes (Outreach)

Since the 1980's St. James has distributed a portion of its weekly income as a tithe for various outreach programs and organizations. We will be tithing 2% of our monthly Stewardship + Offertory which in **OCTOBER** came to \$796.56 & \$796.57 to be donated to each of the following:

Dominican Center for Women—Milwaukee—Housing & Education programs helping to enhance the dignity, safety, security & economic self-worth of each Armani resident. Also, tutors adults in basic education and GED preparation.

Repairers of the Breach—Milwaukee—Daytime refuge and resource center for homeless adults. An empowering place where the homeless create community..

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

Year-end Reminder

A few "business" things to remember as we approach the end of the year:

All donations must be received in the parish office by noon on Friday, December 31st or postmarked December 31st—2021 in order to be applied to your contribution records. Donations received at the January 1st Mass will be applied to 2022.

Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.

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2022 Parish Calendars are available

in the gathering area.
We thank Schmidt and Bartelt
for providing us
with these calendars.

Weekly Collection:

	Dec. 4 & 5, 2021		Dec. 5 & 6, 2020		Dec. 7 & 8, 2019	
Stewardship:	\$	6,997.00	\$	44,838.22	\$	16,030.00
Mtg & Maintenance	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0-
Line of Credit:	\$	155.00	\$	3,210.00	\$	3,735.00
Offertory: (Basket)	\$	910.82	\$	256.20	\$	971.06
Catholic Education	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0-
Prior Yr Assessment	\$	25.00	\$	5.00	\$	-0-
Glafcke Mission	\$	50.00	\$	-0-	\$	-0-
Christmas/Memorials	\$	-0-	\$	405.00	\$	-0-
Christmas	\$	60.00	\$	1,165.00	\$	630.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	-0-	\$	25.00	\$	-0-
Total:	\$	8,197.82	\$	49,904.42	\$	21,366.06

Thank you for your continued support of St. James Church!!!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for bringing Jesus into the lives of youth? Do you excel at recruiting other so teach? If you do, then we want to talk with you!

St. James Parish, a vibrant Catholic community of over 1600 families with a Christian Formation program serving 600 children, has an immediate, full-time opening for a Coordinator of Youth Ministry. This position strives to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus through active participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic Faith Community. It is responsible for creating, developing and coordinating various programs and activities for students in grades 6-12 as well as college age parishioners and will partner with the Director of Christian Formation to provide leadership and support for catechists and volunteers.

Successful applicants will be able to work collaboratively in a team setting, have 5-7 years of experience working with any combination of middle school, high school youth and an appropriate background in theology, religious education or related field (Bachelors' degree preferred). This position requires flexible work hours with evening and weekend hours.

Interested candidates should call Terri Weber, Director of Administrative Services at 262-253-2259 for more information.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT

GAY & STRAIGHT IN CHRIST

Join the Gay & Straight In Christ group as we share our Advent journey on Sunday, December 12 @ 7:00pm in the Mary Magdala Chapel at Good Shepherd.

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

YOUTH CORNER

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING & EATING PARTY 6TH THRU 12TH GRADERS!

Friday, December 17th 6:00-8:30 pm @ Good Shepherd In Daniel's Hall

Bring a friend for a fun evening of baking, decorating and eating Christmas cookies!



Bring 2 dozen cookies of any kind to add to our cookie plates so we have a good variety. No cookies to bring? No problem. Come anyway. Some of the cookies you bring, bake and decorate will be going to parishioners too.

ADULT MINISTRY

Scripture Reflection Groups

We have 2 opportunities each week to look at the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

One group meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and the second group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Both groups meet online via ZOOM.

If you would like to join either group, please contact Sue at **Sdevine-simon@stjames-parish.com** to be put on the list to receive the link.



MEN OF ST. JAMES!

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?

Be a better husband?

Become a more loving father?

Build friendships with other like-minded men?

And seek to be the best man you can be?

Friday Mornings 6:00 to 7:00am (5:45 for coffee & fellowship)

Join us DECEMBER 17th for A New Day for Men

- St. John Paul II shows the Power of True Leadership
 - Crossing the Threshold of Hope
 - The Triumph of Mercy

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

Weekly Schedule

weekly Schedule					
	Sunday, De 8:00 am 8:15 am	ecember 12 (Third Sunday of Advent) Fair Trade Sale after Masses (Gath. Area)			
		Break Open the Word K3/K4/K5 CF Classes (Classrooms)			
	9:30 am 10:30 am	G1-5 CF Classes (Classrooms & Great Rm) Mass Break Open the Word			
		G6-11 CF Classes (Classrooms) Boy Scouts (Cafeteria)			
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		December 14 Day of Adoration (Chapel) Morning Mass at Good Shepherd			
	4:00 pm	Scripture Study (Zoom) Holy Hour/Rosary (Chapel) G1-11 CF Classes (Classrooms)			
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	wednesda	y, December 15 No St. Ben's in December			
	9:00 am	Mass (Chapel) Common Threads Quilting Guild (CC) Staff Meeting (Room 1)			
	6:30 pm	Music Ministry Rehearsal (Church)			
		December 16			
	9:00 am	Wood Carving Club (Room 7) Scout Pack Meeting (Cafeteria)			
		Art & Envir. Fluffing Christmas Trees (CC)			
	Friday, Dec				
		Men's Group (Community Center)			
	6.00 am	Mass (Chapel) SOS Toy Distribution set up (Caf. & CC)			
	Saturday, I	December 18			
	8:00 am	SOS Toy Distribution (Cafeteria & CC) Lector Prep (Great Room & Church)			
		Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)			
		Gifts for the Journey Soap Sale (Gathering Area)			
	4:30 pm	Mass (Church)			
		ecember 19 (3rd Sunday of Advent)			
		Gifts for the Journey Soaps (Gath Area) Mass/Break Open the Word K3-K5 CF Classes (Classrooms)			
		G1-5 CF Classes (Classrooms & Great Rm) CF Christmas Program (Church)			
	10:30 am	Mass/Break Open the Word			

St. James' Parish Office Hours:

11:30 am Art & Environ.—Christmas décor (Church)

& 6:00 pm G6-11 CF Classes (Classrooms)

Boy Scouts (Cafeteria)

4:30 pm

Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Christian Formation Office Hours:

Sun & Tues, 8 am -7pm Mon—Wed—Thurs, 8 am - 4pm Fri—8 am - 2 pm

Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday 4:30 pm (Individual Reconciliation 3:45-4:15 pm) Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Wednesdays & Fridays at 8:00 a.m.—Chapel

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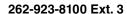
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