

Saint James Parish Newsletter

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Liturgy & Music



All Souls Day

On Tuesday, November 2nd, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at 7:00 PM. At this Mass we will remember those of our parish who have died since All Souls' Day of 2020. An invitation letter has gone out to all families. If your family did not receive a letter, please contact Mary Steele at g-steele916@wi.rr.com or 262-363-0629 so that your loved one can be included in this Mass. A reception will follow for all in attendance.

Thanksgiving Mass will be at St. James on November 25th at 9 AM

Christmas Mass times

Because of additional Masses, we are in need of extra ministry help. Please sign up via MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro) or contact Kay Willkomm, 262-363-7615 x 128 with your availability for any of the Christmas Masses.

Christmas Eve at St. James:

4:00 PM

**10:00 PM will include a concert
beginning at 9:30 PM
by our St. James Choir**

Christmas Day at St. James:

7:00 AM (No Music)

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Christmas Eve at St. Theresa:

4:00 PM

Christmas Day at St. Theresa:

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Parents and Grandparents of youth ages 8 through high school: If your family plans to attend the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, please consider having your son or daughter take part in our Christmas Gospel "play." **In order to take part**, children are **expected** to be at three rehearsals: Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th starting right after the 10:00 AM Mass on those Sundays. Each rehearsal should last only about an hour.

The Gospel play will consist of a short and easy Christmas skit that is only about ten minutes, and one student narrates the Nativity story while the youngsters pantomime it out, in costumes. At the close of the skit, they will sing a Christmas carol (like "Silent Night" or "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"). Everyone will love seeing the children take part, and there will be photo ops with them **in costume**. This will take place for the reading of the Gospel.

Children who take part are reminded that they **get to** wear a costume and will be **rewarded afterwards** with a Christmas stocking of goodies! If interested and if you can make the rehearsals, please contact Nick at narlochn@stjmuk.org

Make this Christmas a memorable one with your involvement at St. James Parish!

Nick Narloch, EdD

Director of Liturgy and Music



Adult Faith Formation & Parish Life

Halloween and All Saints Day

Halloween has become one of the most popular holidays in our world. Decorations have been in stores since July. While it is fun to see the creativity of various displays, it is important that we look at the Christian roots of this secular holiday.

Let's start with the word Halloween. The name comes from the all hallows eve - the vigil of the feast of All Saints (November 1st), when we remember all of the holy men and women who have gone before us to heaven. The very next day, we celebrate the feast of All Souls (November 2nd), a commemoration of the faithfully departed who might still be in purgatory awaiting their final home in heaven. The word "hallow" means holy. We use this term in the Our Father...*hallowed* be thy name. From a Catholic standpoint, Halloween then is a vigil feast celebrating all that is holy.

We should keep this in mind when choosing how we celebrate Halloween. Many Catholic schools encourage the children to dress up as a saint. This can help children learn more about the great saints and give them an example of how the saints life choices helped make them disciples for Christ. The modern images of ghouls, skeletons and death can help us as Catholics to reflect on how we as look at life, death, final judgment and heaven and hell. Since death is inevitable, we really need to use these images to think about how we live and will that get us to heaven.

We will celebrate All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) at the 6 PM Mass on Monday, November 1st. All Soul's day Mass will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 2nd.



Renée Hitt
Adult Formation/Parish Life Coordinator



Love Lights



Join us in the Commons for the Love Lights of St. James Prayer Service on December 4th, following the 4 PM Mass. For each commemoration you provide, a light will shine on the Love Light Tree. The tree will remain illuminated each night throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. A donation of \$10 is recommended for each of the names you include. You may put your donation in an envelope marked Love Lights with the form below, including the person(s) you wish to commemorate/honor and whether they are Living/Deceased, and put it in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the parish office. You can also print one from the St. James website www.stjamesmukwonago.org
Return by November 22, 2021.

LOVE LIGHTS 2021 (PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JAMES)

NAME _____

Person(s) you wish to commemorate/honor: (suggested donation \$10 each)

1) _____ Living/Deceased

2) _____ Living/Deceased

3) _____ Living/Deceased

(Attach additional names on a separate sheet of paper) Due by November 22, 2021

Fish Frys

ST. JAMES FABULOUS FISH FRY



Join us on Friday, November 5th between 4:30 and 7 PM for our Fabulous Fish Fry. Choose from: 2 piece Fried or Baked Cod \$9.00; 3 piece Fried or Baked Cod \$10.00; 8 piece Fried Shrimp \$12.00. Dinners include French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, rye bread, tartar sauce (fish) or seafood sauce (shrimp). Child's dinner \$6.00 includes: 7 chicken nuggets, French fries, applesauce and ranch or BBQ sauce. Beer, wine coolers, soda and water are available for purchase. St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling their delicious desserts. Dine in or carryout.

ST THERESA'S DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY!

St. Theresa's next Drive-Thru Fish Fry is on Friday, November 12th from 4:30-7:00 PM. Our menu includes baked fish, fried fish, or shrimp (\$10), and chicken nuggets (\$6) with a choice of baked potato, French fries, or potato pancakes. Our special homemade coleslaw and rye bread are served on the side. Chocolate brownies are available for dessert (\$1). Just drive up to the main school door to place your order and purchase your dinner. Follow the drive around the back of the school to the side door, and your food will be delivered to your car. We are following all health guidelines in the kitchen so you can safely enjoy your dinner in the comfort of your own home. Call the parish office at 262-594-5200 with any questions.



Baptisms

Please join us in welcoming our newly baptized who joined our Christian Community through the waters of baptism in September. Planning to have a baby baptized this year? Baptism Preparation Class is required if you are having your first child baptized or if you have not attended a baptism class in the past 5 years. Contact Renée Hitt at hittr@stjmuk.org to register for a baptism prep class, held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center and contact René Ranic in the Parish Office to sign up for a baptism Sunday, 262-363-7615.



Kamden Michael Knurr
Parents: Benjamin & Erica Knurr
September 19, 2021

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27

2021 Festival Totals

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and attended the 2021 Festival. From the Car Raffle and the Festival we made \$51,378.68. That is the most we have made from a festival in the past 4 years! Great work everyone. See you next year.

INCOME	
Basket Raffle	\$7,994.00
Silent Auction	\$1,781.00
Bakery Booth	\$1,669.95
Book Booth	\$3,048.00
Kids Games and Rides	\$5,678.60
Marketplace	\$200.00
Car Show	\$515.00
Beer Tent Games and Cash Raffles	\$6,336.50
Food and Dinners	\$14,343.31
Beer Tent	\$21,598.47
Sponsorships	\$3,275.00
Other Income	\$4,474.09
Total Festival Income	\$70,913.92
Total Festival Expenses	\$51,175.34
Net Total from 2021 Festival	\$19,738.58
Car Raffle Income	\$59,137.50
Car Raffle Expense	\$27,497.40
Net Total from 2021 Car Raffle	\$31,640.10
Net Total from 2021 Car Raffle and Festival	\$51,378.68

Parish Life

Journey to Bethlehem with the Holy Family

As we prepare our families for the busy Christmas season, the Adult Faith Formation committee invites you to take some time out of the busyness of the world and prepare your hearts and souls for the coming of the Christ child. As Christians, Advent beckons us to something deeper than presents and cookies, it calls us to a deeper relationship with the One in which we place our hope.

This Advent, we are going to reflect on our own journey to Bethlehem from the perspectives of each member of the Holy Family. The Advent retreat will be held in the church at St. Theresa. Begin Advent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, let's approach Advent in light of our Liturgical Calendar, and empty ourselves so we can fully receive the Son of God, Emmanuel, God with US! Contact Renee Hitt, 262-363-7615 x 125, hittr@stjmuk.org for more information.

November 29, 2021 10 AM-12 PM and 6-8 PM	Advent Day of Reconciliation	
December 6, 2021 6-8 PM	Journey to Bethlehem with Joseph	Deacon Anton Nickolai
December 13, 2021 6-8 PM	Journey to Bethlehem with Mary	Marge Fenelon
December 20, 2021 6-8 PM	Journey to Bethlehem with Jesus, the Eucharist	Father Ed Peklo

Faith Formation

Disciples in Action Fall Clean-Up

In early October, Confirmation candidates in Youth Faith Formation teamed up with Saint Vincent de Paul members to provide seasonal clean-up assistance for older residents of our community. Students worked diligently to rake and bag debris, prune gardens, trim bushes, cut back small trees, and haul branches and brush to burn piles. Their efforts are part of the *Disciples in Action* service activities that Faith Formation students will be engaged in all year.

The mission of the Catholic faith goes beyond the walls of the Church, and the goal of *Disciples in Action* is to encourage an active love of neighbor that is inherent in Catholic social teaching. This love, in turn, leads to a life of service in response to the needs of others. As the Gospel of Mark tells us, "*For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve...*". (Mark 10:45)

Child and Youth Faith Formation classes began the week of October 3rd. This year our K-6th graders will be using a new religion book that has a Bible focus. Families are asked to read a short Bible passage between class sessions and discuss it at home with their family. We are excited to have over 300 students involved from both St. Theresa and St. James, as well as 43 catechists!





St. Vincent de Paul Society

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SAYS "THANK YOU"



Our very deepest appreciation for all the support you as parishioners have given our society. Our recent donation collection at the truck in September was no exception. **Thank you** for the many items you donated which were sent on to our 3 stores located in Waukesha, Oconomowoc and Pewaukee. Funds raised by the sales at these stores help us assist the many who need our help in our surrounding area. Many great bargains can be found at our stores. Please watch the parish newsletter and bulletins for donation collections in Spring and Fall of 2022 and continue to donate your useable and saleable clothing and household items.



**Saturday
November**

6

8 AM – 12:30 PM

HELPFUL TIPS:
Bring a mask & photo ID,
eat a healthy meal, and
drink plenty of water!

**Community Blood Drive sponsored by
St. James, Mukwonago & St. Theresa, Eagle**

Location: St. James Activity Center
830 East Veterans Way, Mukwonago

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
To sign up, visit bit.ly/stjamesnov2021, email
hittr@stjmuk.org or call 262-363-7615 ext. 125.

Appointments are encouraged, and walk-ins are also welcome (and will be invited to take an open spot in the schedule).

Want to double your impact? Ask about dual reds, or invite a friend and save lives together!



Council of Catholic Women

The Country Christmas Craft Fair will be held November 13th in the Activity Center. The Catholic Women will be providing the Bakery Sale in the lobby. Please bring your holiday treats to the Activity Center on Friday evening or to the Parish Office by 3:00 PM. Thank you in advance of your continued support for these sales and for your baked goods.



Our Rosaries for November will be on Wednesday, November 3rd & 17th in Church at noon. ALL are welcome to join and pray with us.

Our Advent by Candlelight will be held November 30th in the Activity Center. The event will be held from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. Our keynote speaker will be announced soon. Ladies, please invite your guests and reserve a spot now. I will be sending out Hostess instructions soon. All women of the parish are invited to attend this event. Please contact Kathy Peters, mpeters3@wi.rr.com to reserve a spot.

BOXES OF JOY - GIVING LOVE AND HOPE



St. James Council of Catholic Women are once again undertaking a service project which helps Cross Catholic Outreach bring hope and blessings to children in the form of a Christmas gift. This fun project is called **"BOXES OF JOY"**. It brightens the lives of young children in developing countries.

Everyone likes to shop for fun things for children. The project is very simple: I provide the shoe box and you just fill it with "surprises" that a child ages 2-14 years would enjoy receiving and include a check for \$9.00 made out to Cross Catholic Outreach to cover the shipping costs. Then I will collect the unsealed boxes and get them to a central packing area. If interested in helping us fill these wonderful boxes, **please call Bea Sikorski at 262-363-4312** to get a box, an exact detail sheet of what can be included and specific drop off information. I will need to have all boxes returned to me by November 5th. This is a great way to reach out to those in need of some Christmas Joy!

SAGES


SAGES (Senior Adults Gathering for Education and Socialization) are meeting in person at 1:30 PM on the third Thursday of every month in the lower level meeting room of the Mukwonago Village Hall. Masks are optional. No refreshments will be served, but members are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks, and take any garbage home with them. Guests are always welcome.



Questions? Call Marsha at 262-363-8597.

Upcoming programs:


- November 18, 2021 "The Hidden History of Dickens "A Christmas Carol," presented by Rochelle Pennington.
- December 16, 2021 Reader's Theater, presented by Pat Hitt and friends from Black Box Theater.
- January 20, 2022 Civic Broadway Singers



Catholic Stewardship Appeal
MANY HANDS One Vision

We still find ourselves in a challenging time. **Things are improving, but we continue to face challenges as we navigate the pandemic.**
Amid the challenges, there is progress:

- We expect to have **46 seminarians studying for the priesthood this fall.**
- **Our Catholic schools are open** and teaching students in person, as are parish religious education classes.
- **Employment numbers are rising**, but there are still people who will need our help and support, emotionally and otherwise.



Now is the time to make sure we have the resources to support the education of our seminarians, to support our schools, to help operate our religious education programs, and to help those who can't work right now.

Will you lend a hand by supporting the Catholic Stewardship Appeal at this time? Every gift makes a difference, no matter the amount. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

In faith and gratitude,
Jenny Mendenhall
Jenny Mendenhall
Director, Catholic Stewardship Appeal

P.S. Please make a difference by making a gift today.

Linden Grove Ministry



We are offering our Communion services for the residents at Linden Grove with two services on Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:30 AM. We have a small group of dedicated, spiritual individuals who have offered comfort and peace to the Linden Grove residents within our community. They provide a Communion service which consists of some common, well-loved hymns, the Liturgy of the Word, a spiritual reflection on the readings and the distribution of the Eucharist to Catholic residents. The team represents the family of St. James to our neighbors across the street.

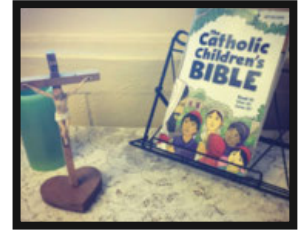
We are in need of people who would like to be presiders at these services once a month or so. Do you have a special place in your heart for the elderly? Are you looking for a way to serve God through ministry? Will you prayerfully consider joining our outreach to the elderly residents of our community?

Through giving an hour or so of your time each week, you could be a blessing to the elderly and lonely members of our community. Not only will they be comforted by your presence, but you will feel that blessing too!

Training is available. Please contact Renee Hitt at 262-363-7615 x 125 or hittr@stjmuk.org or the team contact, Arlene Spiegelhoff at 262-363-7061. Please leave a message.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Do you love seeing families and children at Mass? Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program is held during our Sunday 10:00 AM Mass and is very important to many of our families and grandparents. It helps teach our littlest members of our parish about Jesus. They hear the gospel of the day through the



children's bible in a way they can more easily understand. We are in desperate need of volunteers to keep this awesome program going. All materials and projects are provided. If you are interested in helping to keep our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program a success, please contact Robin Czesinski at rczeshinski@yahoo.com or 414-737-1673 call/text. You can also come to any Children's Liturgy of the Word session to see what we do. A sign-up genius is also available on-line at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fadae22a0fb6-stjames. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Elizabeth Ministry

St James Country Christmas 2021

We are back! **Country Christmas Art and Craft Fair at St James in Mukwonago** is coming on November 13, 2021. This is one of the most popular holiday craft fairs in the area, so don't miss it! Enjoy a day of shopping, have lunch at the "Craftside Cafe" and enjoy our famous Christian Women dessert buffet.

We are currently registering vendors so please call Krys (or text) at 262-844-7658 to register or online at stjamesmukwonago.org.

We need volunteers. You can sign up by calling Krys at 262-844-7658.



Date: **Saturday November 13, 2021**

Time: **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Place: **St James Activity Center**

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Crochet Group meets every Wednesday between 9 AM and Noon in the Commons area at St. James. Can't make it during the day? Join our Crochet Group every 2nd Wednesday between 6 and 8 PM. Create a beautiful piece and have wonderful conversations. If you don't know

how to crochet or knit, our lovely Lila will teach you, plus she has everything beautifully laid out that you can use. Our Prayer Shawls and Baptism blankets mean so much to the people we give them to. Whether it's comfort or celebration we are here. Hope you will join our Crochet Group.

Questions? Contact Robin Czesinski; 414-737-1673 or rczeshinski@yahoo.com