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### Weekend Masses

Saturday ..... 4:00pm  
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# ST JAMES CATHOLIC PARISH



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"  
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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## November 25, 2018

## 830 E. VETERANS WAY MUKWONAGO, WI 53149

## Staff Reflection: Let Us Give Thanks To....

Thanksgiving here in the United States has its roots in the faith practices of the Puritans of New England. To them, a true "Thanksgiving" was a day of prayer and pious humiliation, thanking God for his gifts bestowed on these early settlers. This was a way of truly saying thanks to God for such things as successful harvests, and the hope of a good growing season in the early spring.

In 1621, early settlers had just survived a long year of sickness and famine and many had put in long hours and hard work in the fields to feed their families and the community. Their labors were rewarded with a bountiful harvest, and so these Pilgrims gave thanks to God and celebrated his bounty in the tradition of feasting and sport. To those people of strong Christian faith, this was not merely an opportunity of celebration and merriment, this was also a joyous outpouring of gratitude to God.

Thanksgiving was established as far back as 1777 but not as a fixed annual event, nor was it necessarily observed by all states every year. It wasn't until 1941 that Congress permanently established the holiday as we know it today. With such diversity of population, education, work ethics, social class, and religious values in our country today, one can only wonder how and why such a type of holiday as "Thanksgiving" could ever survive into the current century.

In this era, we find ourselves taking nearly everything for granted. We have potable water to drink, heated homes, warm clothes to wear for winter weather, and healthy foods to eat. We drive to the grocery store to buy our foods without even thinking about what it would be like if we had to walk those few miles and hand carry those grocery bags back home. Gas stations for our cars are just a few miles away. Fast food restaurants, coffee shops, pharmacies and shopping malls are part of our everyday life.

This particular holiday gives us the opportunity to reflect on many things that we take for granted. I particularly am thankful for the many blessings I have received throughout my life, in particular my family, my freedom, my safety, and most importantly, my faith.

*Deacon Gordon Snyder*

*I hope you all have a nice Thanksgiving*

## Love Lights Ceremony

For each commemoration you provide, a light will shine on the Love Light Tree. The tree lighting service will follow the **4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Commons. The tree will remain illuminated each night throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Forms are available in the Commons or online at the St James website. Please return them by **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. You may put yours in the collection basket, mail it, or drop off at the parish office.

## All-Committee Christmas Gathering

St. James will be hosting the annual All-Committee Christmas gathering on **Wednesday, December 5, beginning at 6:30 pm** in the Activity Center. Hosted by the Pastoral Councils of both St. Theresa and St. James, the event is open to chairs and members of all committees. There will be an online sign up for beverages, snacks, etc. Please plan to attend this joyous occasion. If you have any questions, please contact the St James Parish Office.

## Calendar Raffle

Due to holiday printing deadlines, winners will be updated in the Dec 2 bulletin.

## Pastoral Council

**Chair**, Bill Kirkman..... 392-3276  
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Phone numbers are a 262 exchange unless noted otherwise.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation**-Saturday 3-3:30 pm  
No confessions on Holy Saturday

### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is offered once each month (except during the Lenten Season). Prior registration is required. To register or for information please contact the Parish Office.

### Marriage

Marriage Preparation requires the priest be notified 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date. One of the parties must be a registered practicing Catholic member of our Parish.

## New Members

We warmly welcome new members to our Parish! Contact the parish office.

## Communion to the Sick & Home Visits

Contact Parish Office at 363-7615 x100

## Council of Catholic Women

Call Maggie Albert at 363-0903.

## Elizabeth Ministry

Call (262) 363-7615 X145.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 6:30-9pm; Call Pete or Sharon Giersch 262-492-5900

## Knights of Columbus

Call Ward Boldon; 262-720-9181.

## Linden Grove Ministry

Call Carole Jaworski 662-1851.

## Prayer Network

Requests for the Prayer Network are confidential. For prayer request call Arlene 363-7061. Online Prayer requests to [prayers@stjmuk.org](mailto:prayers@stjmuk.org).

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Call (262) 363-7615 X150.

## Hearing Assistance

St James Church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Devices are available in the sacristy before Mass.

# Weekly Schedule

## Monday, Nov 26

4:30-7:30pm RE Classes Grades K-8 in Parish Center  
 5:30-6pm Rosary in Church  
 6:30-9pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

## Tuesday, Nov 27

5-7am Pickle ball in Activity Center  
 4:30-7:30pm RE Classes Grades K-8 in Parish Center  
 6:30-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice in Liturgy Office  
 7-9pm Bingo in the Activity Center

## Wednesday, Nov 28

10:30am-9pm Advent by Candlelight set-up in AC  
 7-9pm KC Officers Meeting in Room 11

## Thursday, Nov 29

9-10:30am Exploring the Sunday Readings in Room 8  
 6-9pm Advent by Candlelight in AC  
 6:15-8pm Handbell Practice in Church

## Friday, Nov 30

8:45-10:30am Exploring the Sunday Readings in Room 10  
 Noon-2pm Pickle Ball in Activity Center

## Saturday, Dec 1

5-7am Pickle Ball in Activity Center  
 Noon-2pm Pickle Ball in Activity Center  
 3-3:30pm Confessions in Church  
 5pm Love light Ceremony after Mass

## Sunday, Dec 2

9:15-10:30am RCIA in Room 9  
 11:30-12:30pm Children's Christmas Rehearsals in Church  
 5-8pm RE Classes Grades 9-10-11 in PC-Church-AC  
 7-9pm New Beginnings-AA Meeting in PC Upper



St J - St. James, Mukwonago  
 St T - St. Theresa, Eagle

## Saturday, November 24 (St. Andrew Dung-Lac)

4:00 pm (St J) † Paul Spiegelhoff  
 4:30 pm (St T) † Eileen Juedes

## Sunday, November 25 (Our Lord Jesus Christ)

8:00 am (St T) † Wayne Casey  
 8:15 am (St J) Parishioners  
 10:00 am (St T) † Gilbert Zajdel  
 10:30 am (St J) † Charles Weinkauf

## Monday, November 26

6:00 pm (St J) † Ada Sueoka

## Tuesday, November 27

## Wednesday, November 28

8:00 am (St T) † Wayne Casey

## Thursday, November 29

8:00 am (St T) Amy Connolly

## Friday, November 30 (Saint Andrew, Apostle)

8:00 am (St J) † Joseph Goetzel

## Saturday, December 1

4:00 pm (St J) † Robert Steinke  
 4:30 pm (St T) Parishioners

## Sunday, December 2 (First Sunday of Advent)

8:00 am (St T) † Mary Jensen  
 8:15 am (St J) † Richard Laven  
 10:00 am (St T) † Robert Curran  
 10:30 am (St J) † Francis & Clara Wysocki

# Upcoming Events

## St Vincent de Paul Giving Trees

The Giving Trees help the St. James St. Vincent de Paul Society provide gifts for many needy families in the Mukwonago area, Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha and ERAs Senior Network. Please take one or more tags from a Christmas Giving Tree, located in the Commons and Narthex. Make your purchase (or Scrip gifts cards) and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached under either tree. **We need all gifts turned in no later than December 9th, please.**

If you know of someone that could use help this holiday season, please contact *Pat Niescior* at 414-588-7796 or *Bonnie Pranger* at 262-436-0756. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

## Dec. 11 Catholic Study Club Luncheon

We welcome women belonging to any Catholic parish in Waukesha County. Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Following the luncheon will be entertainment by the Ambassadors of Harmony, our Christmas Program. **Reservations are required and due by Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**; please call Rita Keber, 262-547-4827.

## Dec. 13: Advent Movie Night

Join the Adult Faith Formation Committee on **Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM** for the showing of *Power in My Hands*. This all-star cast uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the prayer of the rosary. This film is appropriate for older children and adults. **RSVP to Renee Hitt:** [hitr@stjmuk.org](mailto:hitr@stjmuk.org) or (262)363-7615 ext. 125. Popcorn and soda provided! Room 10.

# Readings for Nov 25, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

# Please Pray for...

the safety of all military personnel who are serving our country, especially the following parishioners or parishioners relatives:  
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