

# Saint James Parish Newsletter

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## Liturgy Schedule

*First Sunday of Advent, Weekend of December 1/2*

**Love Lights Ceremony, Saturday, December 1**

**After the 4:00 PM Mass, 5:00 PM in St. James Commons**

**Stations of the Nativity**

**Fridays of Advent 7:00 PM, St. James, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21**

**Advent Reconciliation Service, Wednesday, December 12**

**7:00 PM, St. Theresa**

**Immaculate Conception**

**Friday, December 7, 7:00 PM, St. Theresa, Fr. Dennis Ackeret**

**Saturday, December 8, 8:00 AM, St. James, Fr. Bob Gosma**

*Second Sunday of Advent, Weekend of December 8/9*

**St. James Choir Seasonal Music Concert, Saturday, December 15**

**After the 4:00PM Mass, 5:15 PM, St. James**

*Third Sunday of Advent, Weekend of December 15/16*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent, Weekend of December 22/23*

**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24**

**4:00 PM Family Mass St. James Activity Center, Fr. Loyola**

**5:00 PM Mass St. Theresa, Fr. Dennis Ackeret**

**10:00 PM Evening Mass St. James, Fr. Loyola**

**music by St. James Choir and Handbells**

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25**

**7:00 AM Mass St. James, Fr. Jerry Briattian**

**8:00 AM Mass St. Theresa, Fr Loyola**

**9:00 AM Mass St. James, Fr. Dennis, music by Choir**

**10:00 AM Mass St. Theresa, Fr Bob Gosma**

**11:00 AM Mass St. James, Fr. Loyola**

*Holy Family, Weekend of December 29/30*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Monday, December 31**

**4:30 PM Mass St. Theresa, Fr Bob Gosma**

**Tuesday, January 1**

**10:30 AM Mass St. James**

# Family Promise

## Family Promise Needs Helpers

For the past few years, the parishes of St. James and St. Theresa have had the privilege of serving the homeless in western Waukesha County. Family Promise is 100% committed to transforming homeless families with children into self-supporting, contributing members of our communities. Last year 58 local families, consisting of 99 children and 72 adults, were assisted. The majority were transitioned to self-sufficiency, moving into permanent housing with sufficient income and resources to sustain their families. Please consider giving a day or evening or your time to help out this very worthy cause. We are gravely short of helping hands for the rest of this year. Volunteers are needed to make a hot dinner or grab-n-go breakfast; and/or to stay overnight (one night - not the whole week). We will be hosting on December 23-30, 2018.

Please reply to one of our co-coordinators to offer your help and receive orientation training prior to the next Host Week.

Mary Markham, [mmarkham602@gmail.com](mailto:mmarkham602@gmail.com), 262-758-1650

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# Christmas Eve

## Children’s Choir for Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass



Dear parish parents of children of all ages...St. James Music Ministry is putting together a Children’s Choir for the Christmas Eve Liturgy at the 4:00 PM Mass. There will also be a reenactment of the Gospel with costumes! Four rehearsals will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass (11:30-12:30) on the following Sundays: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23. A practice CD and Lyric booklet will be available for all participants, so an ability to read is not a requirement. Your child should feel comfortable sitting with the choir throughout the entire Mass. Parent helpers are needed too! If your children are interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please contact the Music Director, Christina Kuenzi at [christinavoice@hotmail.com](mailto:christinavoice@hotmail.com) or 262-894-9398.

# Love Lights

Join us for the Love Lights of St. James Prayer Service on December 1<sup>st</sup>, following the 4:00 PM Mass, in the Commons. 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 a 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 or drop off at the parish office, or print one from the St. James website [www.stjamesmukwonago.org](http://www.stjamesmukwonago.org) **Return by November 26, 2018.**



Love Lights 2018 *(please make checks payable to St. James)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased

(Attach additional names on a separate sheet of paper) Due by November 26, 2018

## Fish Frys



Join us on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> between 4:30 and 7 PM for our Fabulous Fish Fry. Choose from Fried or Baked Cod, Fried Lake Perch, Fried Walleye or Fried Shrimp. Dinners include your choice of French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, rye bread, milk and coffee. Child's dinner of chicken nuggets, French fries, applesauce and milk is available. Beer, wine coolers and soda are available for purchase. St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling their delicious desserts. Dine in or carryout.

### ST. JAMES FISH FRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for students (ages 13 & up) and adults to join our **FUN CREWS**. Help is needed on the first Friday of each month, September through May, from 4:15-7:15 PM, for serving/cleanup.

Contact Kay Willkomm at 262-363-7615 x 128 or [willkommk@stmuk.org](mailto:willkommk@stmuk.org)

## Council of Catholic Women

### Spiritual Talks - Queen of Heaven Series



Our next session is Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 9 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Center room 8.

Our Lady of Fatima is the story of the apparition that changed the course of history. Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal, bringing a grave warning of pending world dangers and confirming them with the most astonishing miracle since the Resurrection.

We will also do a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to finish this series. Please join us for this exciting talk. All are invited. Our presider will be Sister Victoria from Schoenstatt.

A continental breakfast will be served.

Contact Maggie Albert 262-363-0903 for information.

St. Theresa Church in Eagle will be serving their next fish fry on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>! We offer your choice of a 3-Piece Baked Cod Dinner, 3-Piece Fried Cod Dinner, or an 8-Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner all for \$10 each. Also serving an 8-Piece Chicken Nugget Dinner for \$6. Dinners include: Choice of Potato: French Fries, Potato Pancakes, or Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Marble Rye Bread, Milk or Coffee. Beer, soda, wine coolers, and delicious home-made desserts are also available. Serving 4:30-7:00 PM. Carry-Outs are available! Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month through May, 2019!



## Council of Catholic Women

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us at our annual Epiphany Party. We hope to see you Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2 PM in Room 8 of the Parish Center.

Fun, fellowship, food and door prizes are on the menu. Help us celebrate the season. Bring your favorite dish to pass. There will also be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Please bring a \$5.00 gift.

Please bring canned goods to help replenish the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry that has served so many in need.

For information call Maggie Albert - 262-363-0903.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### The 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. The tags indicate which group benefits from the gift.

Please take one or more tags from one of the Christmas Giving Trees located in the Commons and Narthex. Make your purchase and return the

unwrapped gift with the tag attached under either tree. Or purchase gift cards through Scrip (*sold in the Commons after every Mass*). Gift cards are greatly appreciated by parents and teens. **We need all gifts turned in no later than December 9<sup>th</sup>.** *The early deadline is necessary so we can get all items sorted and delivered.*

If you know of someone that could use help this holiday season, please contact **Pat Niesior at 414-588-7796** or **Bonnie Pranger at 262-436-0756.**

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



## Altar Upgrades

During the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a long-overdue project was finally completed: the carpet in the altar area was replaced with new flooring, and safety railings were installed. The new material ties in well with both the altar wall and terrazzo flooring; and lightens up the area considerably. It also enhances the acoustics of our Worship Space. It is waterproof, stain proof, durable, safe, and low maintenance. Many thanks to Tom & Sharon Krieger and the Building & Grounds Committee for their extra time and efforts; to John McCormack, project manager for the flooring portion; and to Jim Pepper, Tim Lenz, Ron Lambert, and Fred Gier, who fabricated and installed new handrails on either side of the altar wall.

This improvement is a welcome and refreshing upgrade. If you would like to help cover its cost, please include an extra amount in your offering envelope.



## Calendar Raffle

### The Calendar Raffle Is Back!!



Back by popular demand is our fourth annual CALENDAR RAFFLE. You could win \$50 every Tuesday or \$250 on the first Friday of every month. Your one \$20 purchase will enter you in all 65 drawings. Even if you win, your ticket will be returned to the barrel and could be picked again and again. Winners will be posted each week in the bulletin and on the website. **Sale ends DEC. 31<sup>st</sup>.** These make great fun gifts for Christmas for the whole family--there is no age limit for winners. Sell these to friends, neighbors, and relatives. It's a fun (and important) way to help support our parish. Calendar raffles are available in the Narthex, Commons, and the parish office. Just return the stub portion and your payment to the parish office.

## Facilities Update

### Facility Surveys Due November 30<sup>th</sup>

The St. James Facilities Committee recently made presentations unveiling a master plan for all parish buildings and spaces. They have spent 3 years refining this plan to meet the needs and address the issues articulated by parishioners, parish leaders, and service ministries actively using the buildings.

In mid-November, brochures detailing these proposed future building plans were mailed to every parish household. If you haven't taken a few minutes to complete the brief survey on the back page, please do so now and return it as soon as possible. They can be mailed, placed in the collection basket at weekend Masses, or dropped in the drop chute between the two front windows of the parish office. Many thanks to everyone who takes the time to care about the future of our faith community by responding!



## All Committee Night

### December 5<sup>th</sup> All Committee Night

On Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, our parish will be hosting an All-Committee Night in the Activity Center from 6:30 to 9 PM. This will be our annual Christmas gathering. This year the committees and councils of St. Theresa will be joining us as well. It will be a wonderful opportunity to trade ideas and suggestions between like committees from each parish. All committee and council members are invited. Please contact the parish office at 262-363-7615, or email Natalie Kornmeyer at [kornmeyer@stjmuk.org](mailto:kornmeyer@stjmuk.org), to RSVP so that we have a nose count.

### If You Look for Me at Christmas

You won't need a special star,  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me  
Amid the celebrations  
You'll have to look beyond the stores  
And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment  
From your list of things to do  
And listen to your heart,  
You'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,  
You're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find Me in the stillness  
As I'm whispering your name.

*Love, Jesus*

## Adult & Family

### Faith Formation opportunities



The Adult Faith Formation committee is excited to host a movie night on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. James Parish Center, Room 8. The movie is *Power in my Hands*, a story of hope and the power of prayer. An all-star cast uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the prayer of the rosary. What do an NFL player, the mom of child with cerebral palsy, an atheist turned priest, a father of a family estranged from his own dad, a radio show host, and a country musician all have in common? They have all grown closer to Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary by praying the Rosary. The film will help viewers understand and grasp the power to transform individuals, families, communities in America. The date corresponds with two important Marian feasts on our Liturgical Calendar: Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception and December 12<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The film is appropriate for school age children and up. Join us for a prayer filled evening and of course, popcorn and beverages!

Looking ahead to January, we have two great presentations planned focusing on Refugees and Immigrants. To learn more about Refugees and Immigrants in our own area, join us on January 6<sup>th</sup> between Masses (9:20-10:20 AM) in the Activity Center as we welcome Annamarie Carlson and a recent refugee to discuss educate us. Donuts and coffee will be served. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, the Immigration talk will be held at St. Theresa at 9 AM in the church basement. Rob Shelledy from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will present the USCCB stand on Immigration and what we as Catholics can do to help. Again, donuts and coffee will be available. If you are looking for something positive to contribute, Annamarie told us they are in desperate need of winter outerwear. So, now is the time to go through your closets and bring in coats, hats, gloves and scarves. You are welcome to drop them off anytime in St. James Parish Center, Room 9. Contact Renee Hitt, [hittr@stjmuk.org](mailto:hittr@stjmuk.org) or 262-363-7615 x 125.



### RCIA News

We accepted 5 individuals into the Rite of Christian Initiation on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We warmly welcome Alex Sealy, Richard Fedor, Jason Strickler, Erika Strecok and Grace Walters.

This rite signifies their formal commitment to embark on a journey of learning and growing in the faith. The candidates accept the Gospel, and the sign of the Cross is traced on their foreheads, eyelids, ears, lips, shoulders, hands, and feet. They are now called "catechumens".

They are now in the Period of the Catechumens, where they learn to be disciples through formation and instruction (catechesis).



### Celebrating 175 Years

#### Join Us For the Opening Mass, November 25, 2018

On Sunday, November 25, 2018, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will begin a yearlong celebration of its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, beginning with an Opening Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee, at 2 PM.

All Catholics are invited to this Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI, Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines and Auxiliary Bishop James T. Schuerman, along with priests of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Immediately afterwards, a reception will follow at the Pfister Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee.

Mass and reception are expected to be at full capacity – please plan to arrive early. Questions can be directed to Jenni Oliva, [olivaj@archmil.org](mailto:olivaj@archmil.org), 414-769-3585.

#### Ring in the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

##### November 28, 2018 at 10 AM

All parishes, schools and Catholic faithful within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are invited and encouraged to participate.

Help us ring in the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on November 28, 2018 - the day the archdiocese was founded back in 1843.

Don't have bells? Want to participate from home? Church bells, school bells, hand bells — whatever you have to join us will work.

#### We are suggesting one minute of ringing (10 AM - 10:01 AM)

With 196 parishes, 107 schools and close to 600,000 Catholic faithful, our archdiocesan presence is strong within the communities of southeastern Wisconsin.

It's time to celebrate who we are and how far we've come in our faith.

In addition, please feel free to pray our new 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer ([175.archmil.org](http://175.archmil.org)) on this momentous day, and any time within our anniversary year; praying for the continued growth of our archdiocese, as well as our own parish and school communities.

## SAGES

SAGES—(Senior Adults Gathering for Education and Socialization) meets at 1:30 PM on the third Thursday of every month in the lower level of the Mukwonago Village Hall, at 440 Rivercrest Court. We have a short business meeting, light refreshments, and a program. Guests are always welcome, except for our June picnic and Christmas party, which are open to members only. Membership dues are \$20 a year, which is used to pay for the programs.

December 20, 2018 - Christmas Party, meal and program TBA

January 17, 2019 - Rochelle Pennington will present "WWI Christmas Miracle."

Please consider joining us. For more information, call Marsha Grutzmacher at 262-363-8597 or [mgrutzmacher@hotmail.com](mailto:mgrutzmacher@hotmail.com)

## Knights of Columbus

### Keep Christ in Christmas Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 9th, 8 AM - Noon,  
Serving from 8 - 11 AM

Adults \$8.00, Kids 5 and up \$\$6.00,  
Under 5 free

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Bacon

Park View Voices Concert at 9:30 AM

Santa arrives around 9 until 11 AM



## Upcoming Events

### December

- 1 Lovelights Ceremony, Commons, 5-5:30 PM
- 2 RCIA, Parish Center room 9, 9:15-10:30 AM
- 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Commons, 9-11:30 AM or 6-8:30 PM
- 5 St James & St Theresa Joint Pastoral Council Christmas Party, Activity Center, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 5 St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting, Parish Center room 8, 7-9 PM
- 7 Fish Fry, Activity Center, 4:30-7 PM
- 7 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS, ST THERESA, 7-8 PM**
- 8 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS, ST JAMES, 8-9 AM**
- 9 KC Keep Christ in Christmas Breakfast, Activity Center, 8 AM-Noon
- 10 Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting, Parish Center room 9, 7-8:30 PM
- 11 \$1000 Bingo, Activity Center, 7-9 PM
- 12 **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE, ST THERESA, 7-8:30 PM**
- 13 Finance Committee Meeting, Parish Office, 6-8 PM
- 13 AFF "View the Power in My Hands" movie, Parish Center room 8, 6:30-8 PM
- 14 St. Theresa Fish Fry, 4:30-7 PM
- 15 First Reconciliation, St Theresa School Building, 10 AM-Noon

- 15 Christmas Concert, Church, 5:15-7 PM
- 16 Christian Women Rosary, Church, 7:45-8:10 AM
- 16 RCIA, Parish Center room 9, 9:15-10:30 AM
- 20 SAGES Meeting, Mukwonago Village Hall, 1-3 PM
- 20 Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting, Liturgy Office, 6-7 PM
- 20 B & G Committee Meeting, Parish Center room 10, 7-9 PM
- 23-30 Family Promise, St. Theresa
- 24 & 25 **PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS, ACTIVITY CENTER, 4-5 PM**
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, ST THERESA, 5-6 PM**
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, ST JAMES, 10-11 PM**
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, ST JAMES, 7-8 AM**
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, ST THERESA, 8-9 AM**
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, ST JAMES, 9-10 AM**
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, ST THERESA, 10-11 AM**
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, ST JAMES, 11 AM-12 PM**



### December

- 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 27, 29 Pickle Ball-M, Activity Center, 5-7AM
- 1, 5, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 28, 29 Pickle Ball-C, Activity Center, 12-2 PM
- 2, 9, 16, 23 Children's Christmas Rehearsals, Church, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM
- 2, 16 RE grades 9-11 classes, Activity Center, 5-8 PM
- 2, 16 RE grades 9-11 classes, Parish Center rooms 8 & 9, 5-8 PM
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AA-New Beginnings Meeting, Parish Center room 11, 7-9 PM
- 3, 10, 17 RE grades K-8 classes, Parish Center, 4:30-7:30 PM
- 3, 10, 17 Rosary, Church, 5:30-6 PM
- 3, 10, 17 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:30-9 PM
- 4, 11, 18 RE grades K-8 classes, Parish Center, 4:30-7:30 PM
- 4, 11, 18 Adult Choir Practice, Church, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Exploring the Sunday Readings, Parish Center room 8, 9-10:30 AM
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Handbell Practice, Church, 7-9 PM
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Exploring the Sunday Readings, Parish Center room 10, 8:45-10:30 AM
- 7, 14, 21 Stations of the Nativity, Church, 7-8 PM
- 17, 18, 19, 20 RE Cookie Drive, Parish Center room 7, 8 AM-4 PM

For up to date calendar, visit [www.stjamesmukwonago.org/Monthly-Calendar](http://www.stjamesmukwonago.org/Monthly-Calendar)