

# Saint James Parish Newsletter

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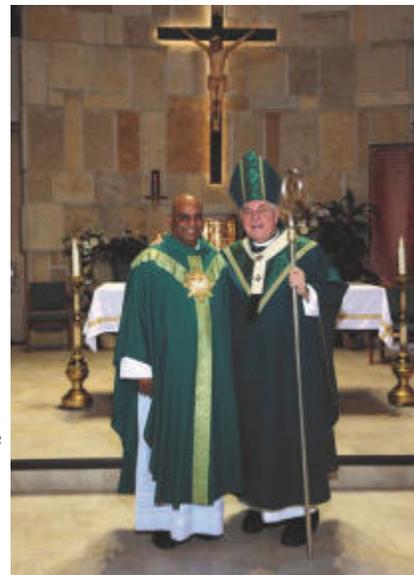
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## Father Loyola's Installation Mass

On Sunday, November 18th, we celebrated the installation of Father Loyola as our pastor by Archbishop Listecki. Celebrating with Father Loyola was Father Bob Gosma, assisted by Deacon Gordon Snyder and Deacon Jim Smallhoover. Many members of the Pastoral Councils from both parishes, the Finance councils and staff members and trustees were present at 10:30 AM Mass. During the installation ceremony, the Archbishop called upon the parish leaders and staff and entrusted them to Father Loyola and him to the parish declaring him as Pastor.

Archbishop Listecki reminded us in his homily that in a way, Father Loyola is a missionary priest to us, since Christianity came to India, Fr. Loyola's home country, centuries before it came to the homeland of our European ancestors. The Archbishop told us to be ready for Jesus, to do what you are called to do, as Father Loyola has done. He asked us to pay attention to the signs that God gives us; to watch the rhythm of the seasons; to stay the course and set our GPS by setting our priorities. We as a parish family are truly blessed to have Father Loyola with us - to lead, guide and to bless us with the humility and peace of Christ that flows through him. If we allow Father's love of Christ to immerse us, and we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit that leads him we will thrive and grow as a flock unified and empowered.

We pray that Father Loyola will remain with us for as long as the Holy Spirit calls him to minister here, and that through his leadership we will continue to grow as a faith community for many years to come. We warmly welcome Father Loyola to our families- and in Father Loyola's words "he's stuck with us now!"



## Facilities Master Plan Presentation

In mid-November, the St. James Facilities Committee gave several presentations about the Master Plan that has been developed for this parish. The members of this committee have been researching, meeting, planning, and working hard for almost 3 years, resulting in a cohesive and well-thought-out design.

Many, many thanks to everyone who attended and participated in these sessions. Your input was valuable and appreciated. You should also have received a mailing about our long-term building plans, with a survey at the end. If you haven't done so yet, please return this survey as soon as possible.

We will be sharing responses to the comments, questions and concerns with you in the near future. Here are a few facts stemming from these discussions that we wanted to make public:

First of all, parish clustering plans have changed. The Archdiocese has decided to leave St. Peter's in East Troy out of our cluster, leaving just St. James and St. Theresa parishes. Each parish will remain a separate corporate entity with its own site and its own finances. **There are absolutely NO plans for a merger.** Instead, we are asked to work together collaboratively. This is already being done. The two Pastoral Councils meet jointly once a month. The committees for Adult Formation and Human Concerns are also combined and serve both parishes. Religious Education programs at both parishes are working to sync their curriculums while maintaining classes at both sites. There is only one Confirmation for the two parishes, and this has been happening for a few years now. Father Loyola is Pastor for both parishes, and Renee Hitt, our Adult Formation and Parish Life Coordinator, is also employed by both parishes.

The other point is that we will not proceed with a building project beyond what St. James can afford. The Archdiocese will require us to have 50% of the cost up front and in hand as cash assets. There will also be close oversight by both the Facilities Committee and Finance Council, which are both comprised of financial executives, business owners/CEOs, and other highly qualified professionals. Please give them a little credit for their expertise and have faith that they are working in the best interests of the parish. We are truly blessed to have their talents to assist us on this journey.

Lastly and most importantly, pray for the future success of your community of faith, its pastor, and its leadership. If we all listen to what the Lord is asking of us, there is no way that we can fail. Faith is not fearful or pessimistic; instead, we place our trust and hope for the future in the living God.

## Human Concerns



Do you know the difference between a refugee and an immigrant?

Do you know how many refugees and immigrants are in the Milwaukee Metro Area?

The Human Concerns Committee has put together two informational sessions in January to help educate our parishes on the issues of Refugees and Immigration in America.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, a speaker from the International Institute of Wisconsin will be at St. James to educate us on refugees in our area. Join us in the Activity Center immediately following the 8:15 AM Mass.

We will offer a speaker on immigration at St. Theresa on January 13<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 8 AM Mass in the church basement. Please check the bulletins for details.

Our contact at the International Institute of Wisconsin tells us that they are always in need of winter coats, boots, hats and gloves. Many Asian refugees come off the plane in flip-flops and warm weather clothes. Clean out a closet and share your extras. You can bring them to either the St. James or St. Theresa presentation or drop off in Room 9 of the St. James Parish Center.

### What is a refugee?

Under U.S. law, a refugee is a person who is forced to flee his or her home country due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted because of nationality, race, religion, political beliefs, and/or membership status in a particular social group. Refugees do not voluntarily choose to migrate, but do so out of immediate necessity.

### What is the Catholic Church's teaching on refugees?

It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God, and is therefore entitled to dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the life of mercy of Christ, who himself was a migrant and a child of refugees. We as Christians are called to welcome our new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in a time of persecution.



## Retreats

### COULD YOU USE A CHANCE TO "GET AWAY" FOR SOME QUIET REFLECTION?

The St. James/St. Theresa Men's and Women's Retreats are coming in early 2019, so check your calendars and reserve your weekend away with God soon! This is also a great gift idea for a special loved one, or treat yourself. Imagine getting away from the busyness and noise of the normal day to day experience to the peace and tranquility of a retreat at The Redemptorist Retreat Center on beautiful Crooked Lake in Oconomowoc. This year the Weekend Silent Preached Retreats for Men and Women have a theme entitled, "Witnesses of The Redeemer: Mission to a Wounded World". There are many weekend opportunities, but we have two weekends scheduled in 2019 for our own parishioners. The men's retreat is February 15-17, and the women's retreat is later, on the weekend of March 15-17. If these dates don't work for you or your loved one, there are other weekends you are welcome to attend, just check out the brochures located on the wall shelf in the Commons, nearest the doors. All retreats are presented by members of the Redemptorist Retreat Team, and all retreats are silent (except during the conferences, Mass and devotion participation). The fee for this special weekend opportunity is \$210.00 per person, with a \$50.00 deposit requested with your registration. You can either call parish retreat captains Arlene and Steve Spiegelhoff at 262-363-7061 or 262-210-6318, or call the Retreat Center at 262-567-6900. Check-in starts on Friday evening at 6:15 PM (there is no evening meal on Friday). The first meeting is held at 7:30 PM, followed by Mass. The retreat ends on Sunday about 1:00 PM, after Mass and lunch.



These silent retreats consist of conferences based on the retreat theme, daily Mass, opportunity for Reconciliation, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The schedule allows free time for personal

reflection, a walk around the grounds, a visit to the new Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help close by the main building, or (if the weather is reasonable) a walk in the woods where there is a striking group of statues depicting the Stations of the Cross. The meals planned by the kitchen staff are delicious and served with smiles and wonderful hospitality!

There are other retreat opportunities offering different topics throughout the year, so check these out in the Commons area as well. If you have any questions on these retreat experiences, please call Arlene or Steve Spiegelhoff at the above numbers or call the Retreat Center. The web site for the Retreat Center is: [www.redemptoristretreat.org](http://www.redemptoristretreat.org)

We hope you seriously consider some well-deserved rest and quiet during a "spiritual vacation"! When you allow yourself some time away on a silent retreat, you are more able to hear God's voice and receive His healing and guidance for your life.

## St. James Fish Fry



Join us on Friday, January 4<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, soda and water are available for purchase. Council of Catholic Women will be selling their delicious desserts. Dine in or carryout available. Future fish fry dates: February 1, March 1, April 5, April 19 (Good Friday), and May 3, 2019.

## St. Theresa Fish Fry

St. Theresa Church in Eagle will be serving their next fish fry on Friday, January 11<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!



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the St. Vincent de Paul Society packed and distributed **65 Thanksgiving Baskets**. They contained lots of non-perishable food items, cleaners and personal hygiene items, fresh fruit, potatoes, home-made bakery and a turkey for families of 2 or more and a chicken for singles. All of these things were made possible through the generosity of our parish family. The Reverse Collection resulted in a large influx of items for the baskets and our pantry. Many also made SCRIP and cash donations for the purchase of the fresh foods. We were thrilled with the bakery that was contributed, as were the basket recipients! The Knights gave us a wonderful donation toward the purchase of turkeys and chickens.

All in all, because of a very generous joint effort, **110 adults and 70 children** had a much happier Thanksgiving. We sincerely thank you all for making the Thanksgiving Basket Project a big success and we hope you all had a very **Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving**.

## 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.



## Meet our Ministry Leads

Please contact them to sign up to arrange for a training to join the Liturgical Ministry team!



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# 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 meeting room of the Mukwonago Village Hall at 440 Rivercrest Court. We have a short business meeting, light refreshments, and a program. Some programs are informational or educational, while others are entertaining. Guests are always welcome except for the June picnic and the Christmas party, which are open to members only. Membership dues are \$20 a year, which are used to pay for the programs.

Some upcoming programs are:

January 17, 2019—Rochelle Pennington will present “WWI Christmas Miracle.”

February 21, 2019—Jean-Andrew, storyteller”

March 21, 2019—Gail Rust--”One Woman Show on Laughter”

April 18, 2019—David Hb Drake--”Wiscon-Sing”

If you have questions, contact Marsha at 262-363-8597 or [mgrutzmacher@hotmail.com](mailto:mgrutzmacher@hotmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

**December 31** *Holy Day Mass of Anticipation, St. Theresa, 4:30 PM*

**1** PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

### January

**1** Mass of Solemnity of Mary, Church, 10:30-11:30 AM

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**2** St. James & St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Theresa Parish Center, 6:30-8:30 PM

**2** St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Parish Center room 8, 7-9 PM

**4** Fish Fry, Activity Center, 4:30-7 PM

**5** Catholic Women Epiphany Party, Parish Center room 8, 11 AM-2:30 PM

**6** RCIA, Parish Center room 9, 9:15-10:30 AM

**6** Refugee Talk, Activity Center, 9:15-10:30 AM

**8-February 5** Father Loyola out of the country-vacation

**9** \$1000 Bingo, Activity Center, 7-9 PM

**10** Finance Committee Meeting, Parish Office, 6-8 PM

**11** St. Theresa Fish Fry, 4:30-7 PM

**12** Church Cleaning, Church, 9-11:30 AM

**13** Refugee Talk, St. Theresa Parish Center, 9-10 AM

**14** Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting, Parish Center room 9, 7-8:30 PM

**17** SAGES Meeting, Parish Mukwonago Village Hall, 1-3 PM

**17** Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting, Liturgy Office, 6-7 PM

**17** B&G Committee Meeting, Parish Center room 10, 6-7 PM

**19** Catholic Women Spiritual Talk, Parish Center room 8, 9-11 AM

**19** St. James Healing Mass, Church, 4-5 PM

**20** Catholic Women Rosary, Church, 7:45-8:10 AM

**20** St. James Healing Mass, Church, 8:15-9:15 AM

**20** RCIA, Parish Center room 9, 9:15-10:30 AM

**20** St. James Healing Mass, Church, 10:30-11:30 AM

**21** RE Retreat Grades 9-10, Activity & Parish Centers, 6-9 PM

**22** \$1000 Bingo, Activity Center, 7-9 PM

**25** RE Confirmation Retreat, St. Theresa Parish Center, 5-8 PM

**26** RE Confirmation Retreat, St. James Church, Activity & Parish Centers, 9 AM-6 PM

**27** KC Pancake Breakfast, Activity Center, 8 AM-Noon

### January

**1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29, 31** Pickle Ball, Activity Center, 5-7 AM

**2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 30** Pickle Ball, Activity Center, 12-2 PM

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Exploring the Sunday Readings, Parish Center room 8, 9-10:30 AM

**4, 11, 18, 25** Exploring the Sunday Readings, Parish Center room 10, 8:45-10:30 AM

**6** RE grades 9-11 classes, Church, Activity & Parish Centers rooms 8-9, 5-8 PM

**6, 13, 20, 27** AA-New Beginnings Meeting, Parish Center room 11, 7-9 PM

**7, 14, 28** RE grades K-8 classes, Parish Center, 4:30-7:30 PM

**7, 14, 21, 28** Rosary, Church, 5:30-6 PM

**7, 14, 21, 28** Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:30-9 PM

**7, 14, 28** Pickle Ball, Activity Center, 6-9 PM

**8, 15, 29** RE grades K-8 classes, Parish Center, 4:30-7:30 PM

**8, 15, 22, 29** Adult Choir, Church, 6:30-8:30 PM

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Handbell Choir, Church, 6:15-8 PM