

Saint James Parish Newsletter

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Adult Faith Formation

Ordinary Time during Spring and Summer

Welcome to Ordinary time in our Liturgical Calendar. Our liturgical color is green, the color of new growth. We have been on a journey of new life since Easter. We have celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the mission of the Church, where the disciples were sent out to share the good news of the Resurrection with the world. We are still on that discipleship mission of sharing God's good news with others. The Holy Spirit is with our communities as we engage in many small group activities and share our love of Christ. The Gospel accounts we read this summer draw us into how God envisions the life of a Christian disciple.

We transition into Ordinary Time with the Feast of the Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. These solemnities help us focus in on two of the biggest mysteries of our faith. Both of these mysteries impact how we encounter Christ in our lives and in our hearts.

As you reflect on the Gospels from now until Advent, think about how the people we meet in our everyday lives may encounter Christ through us. It is amazing to think that the Gospel message that Christ spoke over 2000 years ago is still relevant today. The Church lives on through the lives of disciples in every age. As we pray with the Gospel readings each week, I encourage you to consider the circumstances of your life and how Christ's love and forgiveness impacts your life and the lives of those you touch. Here are the next few week's Gospels. I encourage you to spend time with the Gospels the week leading up to Sunday. Read them several times and pray before you read for God's word to speak to you.

May 30: Matthew 28:16-20: The Great commission

June 5: Mark 14:12-16,22-26: Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist

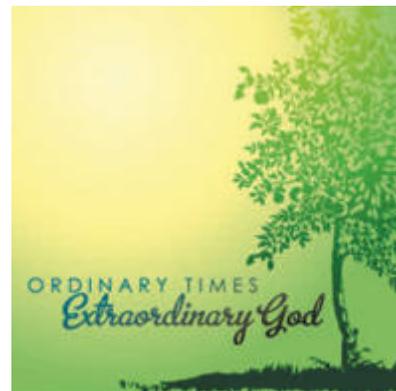
June 13: Mark 4: 26-34: Parable of the Mustard seed

June 20: Mark 4: 35-41: Jesus calms the storm

June 27: Mark 5: 21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43: Jesus heals

As we journey with Jesus' disciples, may we grow to love and serve Him as those disciples did 2000 years ago.

Renée Hitt Adult Formation/Parish Life Coordinator



The Feast of Corpus Christi

The feast of Corpus Christi is also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is a Roman Catholic, Anglican and Western Orthodox liturgical Solemnity celebrating the REAL presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Two months earlier we celebrated Holy Thursday, which is the institution of the Eucharist at the last Supper. Holy Thursday is a Sombre celebration leading to Good Friday, and at that celebration we recognize the institution of the priesthood in the washing of the disciples' feet, as Jesus instructs them to go forth and do as he has done.

Let's celebrate Corpus Christi, or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as it brings us closer to Jesus in his true presence within us. Please join us for worship on this special feast day on June 6th.

Melodie Haddon, St. Theresa Director of Music & Liturgy



Father Loyola



Hello everyone,

I wish to thank you for your prayers and wishes for the 40th anniversary of my ordination. Many of you were present in the church and many of you joined me virtually. As for my family who lives in southeast India, they joined virtually and are safe from the Covid influx so far. I thank you for your prayerful support for my priesthood. I am still suffering from a severe lower back pain that is persistent. I am undergoing PT and chiropractic treatment for the back pain. Keep your prayers going for me. I thank you all sincerely for your lovely cards, greetings and gifts. While I appreciate your generous gifts I didn't expect them. However I will offer them to a charitable cause. I wish I had it communicated my wish to you earlier. I only wanted a simple remembrance of God's undeserving gift I cherish every moment. If you had missed the Mass please feel free to view at your convenience at stjamesmukwonago.org and join me with your prayers.

Thank you and God bless. *Fr. Loyola*

Reconciliation



St. James and St Theresa invite you to Reconciliation - confession on Wednesday, June 16th.

Due to Covid concerns there will be **morning confessions from 9-11 AM** and **evening confessions from 6-8 PM** at St James Church. We invite parishioners of both St James and St Theresa parishes.

In order to properly prepare and provide private, safe and sanitized spaces please respond to the **Reconciliation invite** on

the St. James website stjamesmukwonago.org to let us know if you would like to attend.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is Back!!

We are so excited to announce that we are able to gather the children back together for Children's Liturgy during 9:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. James. We will be sanitizing and social distancing but most importantly teaching the gospel to children!!

Can you help? We are in need of volunteers to help. Please reach out to Robin Czeshinski at rczeshinski@yahoo.com or 414-737-1673 if you have any questions. You may also sign-up and learn more details following the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fadae22a0fb6-stjames>

****NEW** - Due to Covid, volunteers will need to keep children social distanced (siblings may sit together) and we will need to sanitize room after children return to Mass. This can be done right after they leave or after Mass ends, whichever you prefer. All sanitizing supplies will be in the Parish Center Room 8.

Baptisms

Please join us in welcoming all of our newly baptized who joined our Christian Community through the waters of baptism in April. 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 and contact René Ranic in the Parish Office to sign up for a baptism Sunday, 262-363-7615.



Lillian Mara Smocke

Parents: Shawn & Stephanie Smocke

April 18, 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

Council of Catholic Women

Spring was a bit chilly and hopefully summer will bring warmer weather and lots of sunshine to our lives. We really miss getting together as a community, but we pray that will change as we move forward with vaccinations and less spread of the virus. Meanwhile, we have been and will continue to offer prayer opportunities to all parishioners. In **June and July**, we will be gathering in church to **pray the rosary at Noon on the first and third Wednesdays** of the month. Those specific dates are **June 2nd and 16th and July 7th and 21st**.

As of now, the parish is planning to have our **Festival on August 27th-29th**. Everyone please begin your planning on what delicious treats you will make and donate for sale at our **Bakery Booth** that weekend. Anything and everything is welcome. Pies, cakes, cookies, bars, snack bags will all sell like "hot cakes" fast as we can put it out on the tables. Don't forget, jams, jellies and fresh vegetables from your gardens are also a big hit. Plan to volunteer to help sell too!

We know you all miss them and though October is several months away, we are tentatively planning to bring back our parish's favorite "Cinnamon Roll Sale".

Any questions just contact Kathy Peters at 262-470-1786.

Fish Fry

ST. JAMES FABULOUS FISH FRY



St. James Parish Fish Fry is pleased to announce the results of the 2020-2021 season. Over the course of 6 Fridays, we served 1850 cod dinners, 305 shrimp dinners and 104 chicken nugget dinners, for a grand total of 2259 dinners for drive thru.

Thank you to all of the wonderful parishioners and Knights of Columbus members who helped with set-up, clean-up, working in the kitchen, taking orders outside from the cars, took the orders to the kitchen and delivered the meals outside the Activity Center to the cars. We also want to thank everyone who came for our drive thru meals to take home. Our fish fries would not be possible without all of you!

All proceeds benefit St. James Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support.

If you haven't checked us out yet or already enjoy our fish fries, please join us for our first fish fry of next season on September 3rd from 4:30-7 PM.

If you are interested in helping next season, please contact Kay at willkommk@stmuk.org or 262-363-7615 x 128.

VBS

Vacation Bible School 2021

Hosted by St. Theresa and
St. James Catholic Parishes

Come learn about God through songs,
Bible stories, games and crafts!



When: **Monday, June 21st - Thursday, June 24th

Time: 9-11:30 AM

Where: St. James Church, 830 E. Veteran's Way, Mukwonago

Who: Children ages 4 years through completed 5th grade, any denomination

Cost: \$25.00/child

What should I bring? A plain white t-shirt for painting. Please label with your child's name

****Due to Covid-19 we plan to spend most of the time outside unless it is raining.****

****Masks will also be required for everyone.****

One other note: We will be painting and playing water games so dress accordingly!

How do I sign up?

Mail the bottom of the form, which can be found on St. Theresa website: sttheresaeagle.com or St. James website: stmukwonago.org with full payment to:

St. Theresa Church, Attn: Laurie Tanel

136 W. Waukesha Rd., Eagle, WI 53119

Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church

You may also drop off your registration form and payment to the Parish Office at St. Theresa or St James.

****If there are not at least 20 children registered by June 10th VBS will be cancelled and your money will be refunded.****

For more information or if you have any questions call Laurie Tanel at 262-592-3075.

Blood Drive



Saturday
June

19
8 AM - 1 PM

HELPFUL TIPS:

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

June 19 is World Sickle Cell Day! Please donate for all the sickle cell patients in need!

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/stjamesjune2021, email hittr@stmuk.org or call 262-363-7615 ext. 125. Appointments are encouraged, and walk-ins are also welcome! 60+ spots are available!

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

NOTE: There is a FULL two-day deferral period after receiving a COVID vaccine (ex: receive vaccine Wednesday, eligible to donate Saturday).

Eligibility Questions?
Call 877-232-4376



Festival News

It's on!!! The Festival is back!!

St. James Parish Festival 8/27-8/29

We will have three days of fun with great bands, fireworks, car raffle, kids games, book sale, bake sale, raffle baskets, art & craft vendors and yummy food including our famous Friday fish fry and Sunday's Chicken Dinner. Please help make our festival a success by saving the date so you can join the fun. We will also need help selling car raffle tickets, volunteers to help make our festival a success, donating books, donating liter bottles of soda for kids games and donating Basket Raffle items. If you are interested in helping with the Festival please contact Jim Hepp at 262-347-8975 or jameshepp65@gmail.com.

Thank You – Parish Festival Committee

Discipleship

Discipleship Making Parish



St. James began a new initiative in Fall 2020 to focus us on creating disciples. We have a strong group of enthusiastic church leaders creating a vision modeled after the one Jesus designed. Traditionally, church was only a place to come and receive sacraments, where we visited our parish just to go to Mass and help out at a fundraiser. Our new vision is to help build our community to make disciples like Christ did. Oftentimes we hear the word "disciple," and think of those guys that hung around Jesus. But truly, a disciple is simply someone who follows Christ and shares His love with others. In fact, Jesus calls us all to be disciples and desires parishes to help people become disciples. He invites us to have vibrant parishes where people come to know Christ and spread His love to everyone. Partnering with the Office of Evangelization from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, this transition is a two-prong approach.

The first prong is to focus our parish vision on the process of creating disciples. When the Visioning Team meets, we discuss how we can clearly articulate the path to grow in your faith. Discipleship is a transformational process, and this is not just another program that we are going to do at St. James. This is a parish wide culture change to grow in Christ, and purposefully share His love with others. The path to grow in your faith is often confusing, and our Visioning Team is trying to make that path simpler and more personal.

The second approach is our Discipleship Groups. These are small groups of 3-4 people that gather to grow closer to Christ, better understand the beauty of the sacraments, and train disciples who will in turn share their faith with others. The small group, person-to-person model is Jesus' method. He personally invited 12 guys, trained them for a time, and then sent them out to spread His message. Peter starts a church, Matthew gives up a lucrative job collecting taxes, and the Samaritan woman at the well, after just a brief encounter with Jesus, becomes the first Christian evangelist when she tells her whole village. It is an understatement to say that these encounters with Jesus were life changing. We want to model that relationship with every parishioner as well as non-parishioners.

Our hope is to foster our parishioners' personal relationship with Jesus in order for them to become disciples, who "Go and make Disciples of all Nations." (Matthew 28: 19) and truly create a meaningful impact in our community. If you are curious about becoming a disciple or you just want to chat, please feel free to contact me. (kornmeyern@stjmuk.org or 262-363-7615 x 105).

Natalie Kornmeyer Discipleship and Stewardship Coordinator



Elizabeth Ministry

Prayer Shawl Baptism Blanket Crochet Group

Please join our group every Wednesday between 9 AM and Noon in the Commons area by the food pantry. You can come and go whenever it is convenient during that time. Daytime doesn't work? Please come every second Wednesday of the month between 6 - 8 PM. We provide yarn and patterns to make our baby blankets and Prayer Shawls.



This is such a special group of parishioners who hand make beautiful blankets to celebrate our newly baptized and shawls for those needing extra comfort during difficult or prayerful times. Don't crochet? Please come anyway and learn or discuss other ways you can help with these wonderful gifts we provide our parish community. Contact Robin Czeshinski with any questions at 414-737-1673 or rczeshinski@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are announcing the 41st annual **Bob Chapman Open Golf Jamboree** this year. Save the date, August 15th, 2021 and plan to join the us for a fun filled round of golf at Kettle Moraine Golf Club. Proceeds from this charity event fund three college scholarships.

To apply for the scholarships, download the application on the St. James website at stjamesmukwonago.org, under the organization tab select Knights of Columbus: 2021 KC Scholarship. The application must be filled out and mailed to Knights of Columbus PO Box by June 27th.

Another great KC event (In service to one, in service to all).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul says "THANK YOU"

Our deepest appreciation for all the donations brought to the truck this weekend. We filled a good share of the truck floor to ceiling. As always these items will be taken and distributed to the 3 stores here in Waukesha County. The money raised by the sales at these stores is always put to good use helping many people who need assistance from our society. You never know what bargains and treasures you might find at any of the stores in Waukesha, Oconomowoc or Pewaukee.

The truck for collecting donations will be back at St. James on September 11th - 12th, so mark your calendars! Keep on cleaning and sharing your useable items.

Also, "THANK YOU" to all the wonderful volunteers who helped. We couldn't have done it without you!

SAGES

SAGES (Senior Adults Gathering for Education and Socialization) will be able to begin meeting again! Our first meeting will be on Thursday, July 15th. We will meet at 1:30 PM in the lower level meeting room of the Mukwonago Village Hall. After a short business meeting, our program will be a presentation by the Waukesha County Historical Society on The Victorian and Springs Era. Covid precautions are still in place with mask wearing, social distancing, and no refreshments being provided. Please feel free to bring your own snack and drink. Guests are welcome.



Questions, call Marsha at 262-363-8597.

For up to date calendar, visit <https://www.stjamesmukwonago.org/Events>