

# Saint James Parish Newsletter

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## Reconciliation

St. James and St. Theresa parishes invite you to our Fall Reconciliation day.

We are using the theme of Jesus' healing touch for this special day. Jesus heals a woman who has been suffering with a bleeding disorder in the Gospels of Matthew, chapter 9, Mark, chapter 5 and Luke, chapter 8. She has visited many doctors and healings seeking relief. She has likely spent a fortune looking for a miracle cure. She has been labeled "unclean" because bleeding was a social taboo in first century Israel. She is finally reaching out to Jesus, the healer, as a last resort. The healing of this woman is something we can all relate to.

Healing does not always happen as we expect it. It does not always resemble physical restoration. We can ask ourselves: "What is the difference between being healed and being cured"? A cure is a transformation in the body, a body that will eventually die and deteriorate. Healing takes place in a much deeper place. It is the emotional and psychological acceptance and trust in God. It is a transformation in the person's life, where they are able to integrate into community, find meaning in life and grow closer to Jesus.

The woman boldly touches the tassel of Jesus cloak. She trusts that Jesus healing power will be transmitted to her through that touch because she already believes that He is the Messiah. Jesus senses the touch and reaches out to her. He says, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace". She has been healed.

Come experience the healing power of Jesus' touch through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are offering Reconciliation on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM and 6-8 PM at St. James. There will be multiple priests available, social distancing and Covid cleaning protocols in place. You do not need to sign up, come anytime during the above hours. This is the third Reconciliation Day we have offered at St. James this year. We have enclosed a card to help you prepare.



## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation Save the Dates!

**First Communion Parent Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, St. James Activity Center**

Parents of both St. James and St. Theresa First Communicants, reserve this night to learn about the expectations for your child's First Reconciliation and First Communion year.

**Confirmand and Sponsor Dinner, Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, St. James Activity Center**

All confirmands and sponsors (or a parent proxy) will meet for food, faith and fun. Don't miss it!

**Registration Materials available at:**

[stjamesmukwonago.org](http://stjamesmukwonago.org) / [sttheresaeagle.com](http://sttheresaeagle.com)



## GriefShare

The GriefShare Ministry at St. James and St. Theresa is looking to expand our meeting times. We need additional facilitators. Grief Share is a support program that helps and encourages people after the death of a



spouse, child, family member or friend. The program is non-denominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. The group is not a counseling session. The group meets weekly and consists of a video seminar, support group discussion and a workbook for journaling and personal study exercises. Training is required and can be set up by contacting Renee Hitt at 262-363-7615 x 125.

We would love to offer sessions at St. Theresa once the new building is ready so that we have more than one meeting time option in our community.

How do you know if God is calling you to this ministry? First of all, pray! God will guide you. You may be a good facilitator if you have experienced a significant loss of your own. You may be a good candidate if you have hospice or palliative care experience. Are you compassionate? Do you love to build relationships? Are you spiritual? Are you a good listener? Are you a good communicator? Are you confidential? Finally, are you teachable? These are all characteristics of great facilitators.

The 2021-22 GriefShare Schedule:

**Fall Session: September 21 - December 14, 2021**

**Tuesday evenings – 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**St. James Parish Center Room 9**

**Surviving the Holidays: Saturday, November 6, 2021**

**10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**St. James Parish Center Room 9**

**Surviving the Loss of a Spouse:**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**St. James Parish Center Room 9**

**Spring Session: April 5 – June 28, 2022**

**Tuesday Evening – 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**St. James Parish Center Room 9**

## Human Concerns



For the past year, the Human Concerns committees of St. Theresa and St. James have studied systemic racism using resources suggested by the USCCB document "Open Wide our Hearts". They read and studied the document as a group and led a prayer for Unity at a Mass last November. As a conclusion to the year of study, they are hosting a Prayer Service and panel discussion on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at

St. Theresa, which is the feast day for St. Peter Claver. St. Peter Claver is the patron saint of Interracial injustice. He was a Jesuit priest who traveled to Colombia to work as a missionary. He dedicated his life to working with the slaves who were brought to the Americas. He brought them food, water and clothing and taught them about Jesus Christ. He encouraged people to treat them with dignity and respect. St. Peter Claver is also the name of our sister parish in Belize.

Please join the Human Concerns committee at St. Theresa as we pray for an end to racism and violence in our country and the world. Like St. Peter Claver, we too are called to act with mercy and treat each other with dignity and respect. We are called by virtue of our baptism to work for the rights all people.

## Parish Life

### 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph



What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? It simply means that you acknowledge St. Joseph as your spiritual father and you want to use his life choices as an example. You entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial

entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.

Pope Francis announced that 2021 would be dedicated to St. Joseph. Archbishop ListECKI has asked us to plan an event to celebrate St. Joseph this year. Prayer and Worship and Adult Faith Formation has planned a Holy Hour to St. Joseph on October 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM at St. Theresa Church. Deacon Anton will be presiding. The Holy hour consists of prayers honoring St. Joseph, Benediction and Adoration.

To prepare for this Holy Hour, we recommend reading Fr. Don Calloway's Book "Consecration to St. Joseph The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father". Fr. Calloway draws upon the long tradition of devotion to St. Joseph and invites us to consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph, to grow in devoted love of him and invoke his protection for the Church. You can complete the 33-day consecration prior to October 24<sup>th</sup> by starting the book on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021.**

Jim Frisch has a limited number of books available for \$15 or you can purchase the book on your own from <https://www.marion.org/stjoseph> or call 1-800-462-7126. Books will be available in the St. Theresa Parish office.

You can also find more information on the archdiocesan website: <https://www.archmil.org/Saint-Joseph>.

## St. James Fish Fry

### ST. JAMES FISH FRYS ARE BACK!



Join us on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Council of Catholic Women 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@stjmuk.org](mailto:willkommk@stjmuk.org)

## Council of Catholic Women

To start our new year of activities we have planned September Rosaries for Wednesdays the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We pray in the Church from noon to 1 PM. You are welcome to stay in Church for a time of private meditation. All are welcome to join us.

The first Fish Fry of the season will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Catholic Women will be providing their outstanding desserts for sale. **A Huge Thank You** for all who have helped in the past.

Our first Spiritual Saturday is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be in room 8 of the Parish Center from 9 to 11 AM. This will be our first business meeting in a long time and we will also be watching "The Song of Bernadette". It will be wonderful to be together again. Refreshments will be served.

Plan now to attend MACCW's convention celebrating 101 years of service to our Church and each other. This year the convention will take place at St. Mary's Visitation, 1260 Church St., Elm Grove, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Reservations made before Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> will be \$40.00 and after that date will be \$45.00. Deadline for registrations is September 30<sup>th</sup>. For a registration form or more info please contact, Kathy Peters, at 262-470-1786 or [mpeters3@wi.rr.com](mailto:mpeters3@wi.rr.com)

## St. Theresa Fish Fry

St. Theresa's first **Drive-Thru** Fish Fry of the season is on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY 2021

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM – NOON



It's that time once again for you to help our St. Vincent DePaul Society help those in need of assistance by "cleaning out" closets, basements, etc. and **donating the good clothing and useable small household items** that you may no



longer use. **Bring your donations to the truck** that will be in front of the St. James Parish Center on the above dates. Our SVDP St. James Conference volunteers will be there to help unload your items. The collected items are taken to our thrift stores where they are sorted and dispersed among our 3 stores in Waukesha, Oconomowoc and the newest one in Pewaukee. Profits from the sales at these stores help our parish conferences assist those who are in need. We greatly appreciate all you have done in the past in these collections. Please be aware, **we cannot accept large furniture items. For home pickup of 2 or more of these items, please call the truck line at 262-569-0763.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE  
ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY**

**HELPING IN THESE CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS**

### Strong in Christ, a Dynamic Men's Group

**The Fall Program will start on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at St. James. Through small group discussions and a commitment to one another, we will grow stronger together in our journey of faith. **Add it to your calendar now!**

Strong in Christ is a newly formed Men's Ministry. We are a group of Catholic lay men who come together in formation and in prayer to make a positive, faith-filled difference in our homes, our churches and our communities. The mission of Strong in Christ is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ by bringing Catholic men together to form a spiritual brotherhood that will assist each man to continue growing in his Catholic faith. All men 18 and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The Fall Program will run for 10 weeks in Fall 2021: September 15<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Meetings will be at St James in Room 8 of the Parish Center. Light continental breakfast at 5:45 AM, program starts at 6:00 AM sharp, with a video presentation followed by small group discussions, where today's issues become real through sharing. Program ends promptly at 7:00 AM.

To register contact Roberto Garcia at 262-751-6138 or [rdgarcia146@gmail.com](mailto:rdgarcia146@gmail.com)

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# Baptisms

Please join us in welcoming all of our newly baptized who joined our Christian Community through the waters of baptism in July. 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](mailto: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.



**Andrea Rose Johnson**  
**Parents: Craig & Katharine Johnson**  
**July 18, 2021**



**Brooklyn Elizabeth Jones**  
**Parents: Benjamen & Danielle Jones**  
**July 18, 2021**



**Tucker John Kopp**  
**Parents: Michael & Kayla Kopp**  
**July 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**

## Elizabeth Ministry



**St James Elizabeth Ministry invites everyone to "Family Movie Night."**



Mark your calendars for Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 PM and join us in the Parish Activity Center for **The Chosen**. The Chosen is an artistic rendering that offers viewers a glimpse into what the daily and extraordinary life of Jesus Christ and his disciples **might have looked like** 2,000 years ago and invites the viewer into His story. For a time, the ministry will show episodes of The Chosen and you don't have to watch it in sequence! So join us in September and the coming months.

Pizza, mac & cheese, hot dogs, popcorn, cookies and drinks available! It's free, it's fun! Bring blankets, chairs and a smile!

## 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 drinks and snacks, and take any garbage home with them. Guests are always welcome. Questions? Call Marsha at 262-363-8597.

Upcoming programs:

September 16, 2021 - "Blowing in the Wind," 60's music, by David HB Drake

October 21, 2021 - The Ukaladies

November 18, 2021 - "The Hidden History of Dickens A Christmas Carol" presented by Rochelle Pennington

December 16, 2021 - To be announced

January 20, 2022 - Civic Broadway Singers

