

A nativity scene featuring a baby Jesus lying in a manger made of straw, set on a wooden stand. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars and a bright, multi-pointed star at the top. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the scene, containing the text "Merry Christmas!" in a gold, cursive font. Below this, the text "AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH" is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the circle, a smaller, semi-transparent blue circle contains a white sunburst icon.

Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

Christmas Greetings from your Pastor



Dear Friends,

I wish you all a Merry Christmas 2021. May you all have a very safe and joyful celebration. We have come a long way since 2019. There have been so many losses and healing, but God has been present. I am so sorry for the loved ones you have lost due to the virus and those who have suffered and survived. I will hold all the deceased ones and the loved ones left behind in my prayers. Advent calls us to remain hopeful of remaking of our lives and union with our loved ones forever. As we are preparing for and celebrating the coming of the Christ Child, we are also awaiting his final coming and our participation in the glory of God. Remain always hopeful.

In the Vatican News Francesca Merlo on Nov 22, 2021, reports about Pope Francis' meeting with the participants in the upcoming Christmas Contest, a Christmas concert in which young people compete with original Christmas music. The Pope told the participants, "Christmas is not 'out of tune' with the trial we are still facing with the pandemic". Pope Francis feels "Christmas lights, seemed dimmed by the consequences of the pandemic, still weigh heavily on our time. Now we have even more reason to remain more hopeful." The birth of Jesus "is par excellence the feast of compassion, of tenderness." It is beautiful, humble and full of human warmth. God's love and mercy never run out.

The world in which we live needs beauty. What is beauty? "Not a false one, made up of appearances and earthly wealth, which is empty and generates emptiness. No, rather the beauty of God who became [our] flesh, the beauty of [our] faces..." God has experienced our bodies. God will restore and heal us in his own ways and times. Let us remain hopeful.

I thank you for your financial support to the parish budget. Supporting requires more generosity and making personal sacrifices. Many have responded to the call of parish Stewardship and many more are still prayerfully contemplating. Your responses would enable the Finance Council to develop a budget for next year. We have awesome programs and passionate staff to serve us. Christmas is a feast of sharing. We are called to share generously with those in need. Please reflect about sharing God's abundant providence to you.

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Marriage-requires priest to be notified 6 months prior. Call the parish office.

Ministries & organizations on website

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 for the Christmas Holiday.

Christmas 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.


No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

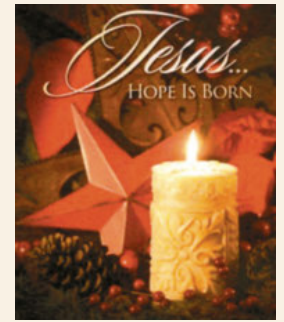
Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Christmas Flowers & Decorations



Thank you to the following who donated to make our Church beautiful during the Christmas Season. Your donations help us purchase all flowers, plants, fabric and decorative materials used in the church sanctuary, Activity Center, the altar area, statues of Mary and Joseph, walls, all entryways, commons areas, and narthex of church. **We are extremely overwhelmed with your generosity, thank you very much.**

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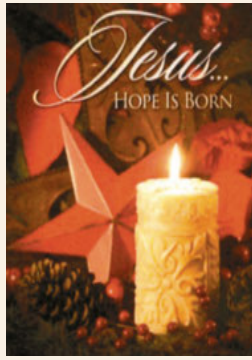
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Welcome-Merry Christmas

If you are here for the first the time we welcome you to our Christmas celebrations. We hope you find St. James a warm and inviting place. Whether you are just here for Christmas Mass or are searching out a place to worship, we love having you here. If we can help you with any spiritual needs, please stop by the office, email us at parish@stjmuk.org or call us 262-363-7615. We wish everyone a warm and blessed Christmas with family and friends. We hope the joy of our Savior's birth brings you peace and love.

Merry Christmas, from the Staff at St. James

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 pm (St J) † Maria Sundaram (Lived streamed)
4:00 pm (St T) † Elaine Potrykus
6:00 pm (St T) Parishioners
10:00 pm (St J) † James Hanson

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas-Nativity of the Lord)

7:00 am (St J) Parishioners
8:00 am (St T) † Mary Anderson
9:00 am (St J) † Clay & Karen Kozlowski
10:00 am (St T) † Don Ledrowski
11:00 am (St J) † William Slowik

Sunday, December 26

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

8:00 am (St J) Parishioners
9:00 am (St T) † Phil Walker
10:00 am (St J) † Kathy Jensen

Monday, December 27 (St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

No Mass

Tuesday, December 28 (Holy Innocents, Martyrs) No Mass

Wednesday, December 29 (St. Thomas Becket)

8:00 am (St T) † Michael & Beatrice Delany

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am (St T) † Marion Schillo

Friday, December 31 (St. Sylvester I, Pope)

8:00 am (St J) † Janet McKendry
4:30 pm (St T) Parishioners

Saturday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

4:00 pm (St J) † Ralph & Helen Sargeant
(Also live streamed on YouTube)
4:30 pm (St T) Parishioners

Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 am (St J) † Lucille Casper
9:00 am (St T) † Elaine Potrykus
10:00 am (St J) † John & Elaine Dalsasso

Readings for Dec 25 & 26

at www.stjamesmukwonago.org/Readings

Mass Times

Holy Family

St James will not have a Saturday, 4pm vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25 for the Sunday, Holy Family Obligation. We will **only be offering** the Holy Family Sunday, December 26 Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 AM at St. James and 9:00 AM at St. Theresa. Contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Solemnity of Mary

Mass times are at 8:00 AM, Friday, December 31, St James and/or 4:30 PM, Friday, December 31, St Theresa. **Please note: Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted but we do invite you to Mass to Honor Mary's divine maternity as an icon of peace.**



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