**OUR 20/20 VISION OF HOPE**

**St. James Catholic Church**

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**OFFICE HOURS**
Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
(Closed daily 12:00-1:00 PM)

Closed Saturday and Sunday

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**ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT**
To continue Jesus’ work of calling all people into a loving relationship with God.

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Fr. Bob Betz

**ASSISTING PRIEST**
Fr. George Gajdos

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**EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE**
Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 AM

Individual Confession:  
Saturday 4:00 PM—4:30 PM  
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration  
First Friday of each month at Noon-1:00 PM

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Our world is made up of 71% water. The human body is made up of 60%. As we explore space and if there is life on other planets, the first thing they look for is water. Some say if there is even another world war, it won’t be over oil, but over good clean drinking water.

Water takes center stage in our scriptures today. The chosen people grow thirsty in the desert and God provides water from the rock in Horeb. The Psalmist recalls this event to urge us not to harden our hearts as they did. Paul suggests the image of water in stating that the love of God has been poured out into our hearts. And a thirsty Samaritan woman realizes that in Jesus she has received living water.

When Jesus met the woman at the well in Sychar he said, “Give me a drink.” It was out of love for this poor woman that the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love. It was that same request he gave on the cross when he was dying that he said “I thirst.”

So how do we quench Jesus’ thirst? By spending time with him. Think of it as not an obligation, but as a time when we are letting Jesus get his fill of us. He loves us so much that he can’t get enough of our undivided attention. He loves us so much that he wants us to put aside all the other demands of our life for a time, and sit in quiet with him. He in turn will give us living water that will fulfill our deepest needs and desires, the water that is welling up to eternal life.

We are blessed here at St. James to have a beautiful baptismal font. (By the way the water is flowing and is treated with chlorine and is filtered to prevent bacteria). Every time we enter and leave the church we remind ourselves, as we make the sign of the cross and bless ourselves in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, of our baptismal life in the Lord. May this Lenten Season quench our spiritual thirst and share that living water with all those we encounter.

Love, Peace, Joy
Fr. Bob

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Many Hands-One Vision

The CSA provides a unique opportunity to share your blessings with others. Although diverse in age, race, and culture, we are one in faith. When you support the CSA, you extend Christ’s presence to all. Thank you for giving today.

Mail your pledge to: Catholic Stewardship Appeal
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Or give online at CatholicAppeal.org.

CRS OPERATION RICE BOWL

We all need food to nourish us and keep us healthy. Without food we find it hard to concentrate, study, do our work or even play. Jesus often shared meals with friends and even strangers, and he teaches us to be generous in sharing what we have to eat with others. Why do you think he did that? How do you think they felt about sharing their food? How do you feel about sharing your food with strangers? Donate to CRS Operation Rice Bowl. Visit CRSRiceBowl.org to learn more.

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Contact one of the above to learn how you can get involved in a ministry here at St. James.

Here To Help
St. Vincent de Paul Intake Office
For assistance with Shelter/Lodging/Rent, Utilities/Shutoffs, Furniture and Clothing
Phone……………………………………..414-462-7837

For Emergency Food……………………………….211

ERAS (formerly Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach)
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Life’s under no obligation to give us what we expect.

-Margaret Mitchell
Today’s readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of “thirst” and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ’s thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, “In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses.” What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, “Give me a drink.” Then, He adds, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to “give him a drink” by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

~The Catholic Steward
ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS: GROWING FAITH

How many of you have been feeling the rush of life getting you down or exhausted? So many obligations and demands are put on us each day. It’s challenging to stay hopeful and energized.

Last week I was able to experience a Desert Retreat at Holy Hill with fellow lay ministers of the Archdiocese. There was the opportunity to stay in your own room for personal journaling, spiritual reading, and/or resting. There was also the opportunity for praying the Stations of the Cross outside, Confession, and Mass. Being a Desert Retreat meant that it was silent. The experience refreshed my soul.

Sometimes people ask, “What is a retreat anyway?” A retreat is exactly as the word describes—we retreat from the daily hustle and bustle so we can reflect and be with the Lord. The gospels have many references of Jesus removing himself from the demands on Him so He could pray. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” This is what a retreat helps us to do. I encourage everyone to experience our Lenten Retreat—Clothed in Christ on March 21 from 1:00-4:00 PM in the church hall.

Blessings,
Mary Jo

Thank you!!

A big thank you to those who donated toiletries for our CYF Hygiene Bag service project. The children will be filling the bags during class on Palm Sunday.

It’s never too early to “think Spring” and it’s never too early (or too late) to experience a Marriage Encounter Weekend with your spouse! A Marriage Encounter Weekend provides a great opportunity for married couples to spend a weekend together focusing on communication in their marital relationship, enabling them to discover together “how their good marriage can be even better” or discover “new pathways to get their marriage back on track.” Join Green Bay Marriage Encounter from March 27-29 at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abbey in DePere, for an enriching experience. Call 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbme.org for more information or to register.

Rest in Peace

Maryanne Wagner
and
Joan Gibbons
(Mother of Bob (Cheryl) Gibbons)

Please remember the family and friends of Maryanne and Joan in your prayers.

May they rest in peace.

Third Sunday of Lent

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins place by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

A Poor Box is on each inside wall of the church entrance.

-St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Pray For

We remember the special needs of St. James parishioners, family and friends, especially:

Trish Hundt (Wife of Jim)
Cliff Verrill (Brother-in-law of Trudi and Bernie Bellin)
Eloise and Robert Tyczynski
Bob Prusinski (Husband of Nanci)
Jeanne Tanke
Joanna Guzman (Mother of Marie Guzman)
Pat Prendergast (Wife of John)
James Griffin (Son of Debbey Fischer)
Kathy Singley (Sister of Terry Cindric)
Howard Forley (Friend of Teresa Pentimalli)
Alice Rick
Sue Majewski (Wife of Mark)
Pat Spanke (Brother of Mike (Fran) Spanke)
Jeanette and Cheryl Odegard
Joel Prusinski (Son of Nanci and Bob Prusinski)
Mary Brazeau

By our prayers, we offer support. If you or any of your relatives need prayers, call 761-0480.
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for our Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

**When:** Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 AM in the church hall

The Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs: Set up of food, serve/replenish food, oversee our game area, helping at the craft table, and placing eggs outside for the egg hunt.

**ALSO NEEDED... Candy and coins.** Donation basket is in the church lobby.

Please see the signup sheet in the church lobby for a list of jobs and times. Questions, call Linda in the parish office. If you would like to register for the Breakfast and Egg Hunt, forms are available at the Information Desk.

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**PREPARING OUR WORSHIP SPACE FOR EASTER**

As we get closer to Easter we will be looking for people to help prepare the church space for Triduum and Easter Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to do something together for the parish community as well as a great way for single people to come together and meet other single people. There will be tasks for young and old alike.

"Many hands make light work."

There will be a signup sheet in the church lobby starting the weekend of March 21/22.

Your help is needed and appreciated.

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**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME**

There are many ways for a person or family to be involved here at St. James. Call the parish office and let us know your strengths and interests. We would love to have you join one of our ministries.