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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9



Packer Tailgate News Planning for the Packer Tailgate Party for October 23rd is underway. This is our largest fundraiser and is important for our parish both financially and socially. The tailgate committee needs members to help organize and carry out the day's events. With the retirement of many of the previous committee members, we are looking to bring in the next generations of families to help with the planning and execution of this event. Any ideas, thoughts, or changes recommended would be welcomed. If any school families are interested in being on the committee, the more help the better. If interested, please contact Steven Brickner Jr. at smbrickner1@gmail.com.

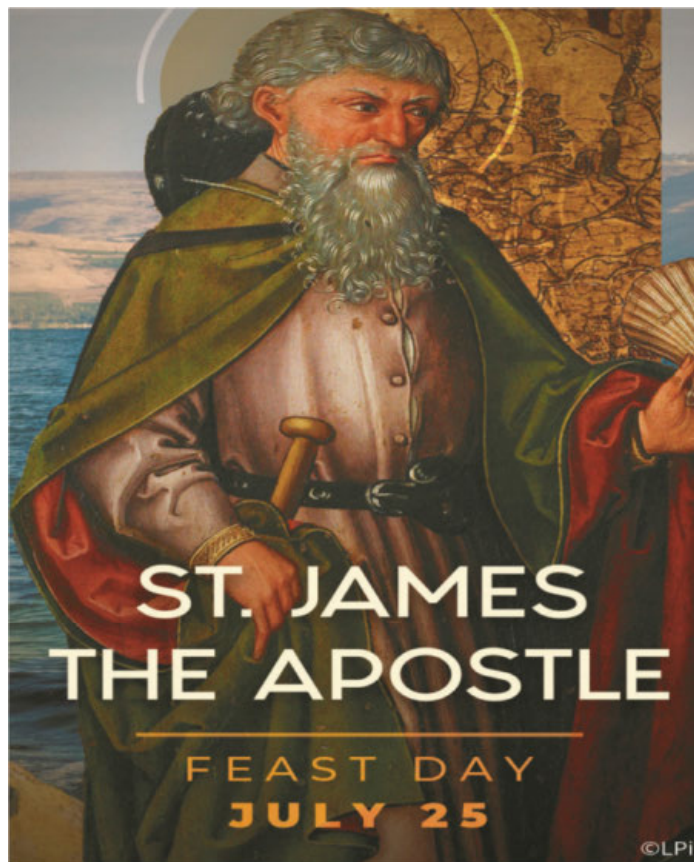
Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy -

Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30pm. *Living Joy* is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, will present virtually on Wednesday, August 24, from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy," retail cost of \$24. To register, download a brochure and/or poster, visit diolc.org/witness-joy.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Upcoming dates are September 9-11 in Dubuque, IA or November 18-20 in Holstein, IA. For more information, call Greg and Denise at 563.920.9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.



Marriage in Distress? No matter how hopeless it seems, forgiveness and trust are possible. Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, some even after separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is not counseling or group therapy. It is confidential and affordable. The next program in Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend on August 19-21, 2022. For more info, Call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or see www.HelpOurMarriage.org. No couple is turned away for lack of finances. Space is limited. Early registration advised.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular we pray for **John Duranso**.

Parish Stewardship for July 17, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online\$ 12,745.19
Students \$ 16.00
Plate \$ 855.71
Automatic Direct Donation avg\$1,930.26
Total for the week..... \$ 15,547.16

Mission Co-op..... \$ 6,175.00

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
Monday: St. James, Apostle
Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Martha
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ's love. To live Christ's love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.
- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.
- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.
- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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