

St. James the Greater

Where All are Welcome

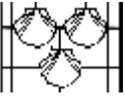
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✚ July 25, 2021



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12



Message from Fr. Tom

Happy Feast Day to all of us at St. James the Greater! I announced last week at mass that the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time took priority over the feast, but my friend Fr. Tom Lindner said that parishes have permission to celebrate the mass of their patron saints on Sundays in Ordinary Time (not Lent/Easter/Advent/Christmas), so I'll take that as a green light!

St. James isn't one of the most famous saints or Apostles like the Blessed Mother, St. Peter, St. Paul, or St. Mary Magdalene, but he does get a good deal of ink in the Gospel accounts. **He is often listed as one of "The Three" that Jesus takes along for important events.** In the Gospel accounts, these stories begin, "Jesus took Peter, James and John, and..." He took them to be with him during his hours of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and for his climb up Mt. Tabor where he will be transfigured before their eyes. This last seen is depicted on the banner hanging from our ambo. St. James is the bearded one but with a brown beard. The gray bearded one is Peter, and the unbearded one is John.

St. James the Greater was a fisherman, so that's good news for **Ben Gumz and Dan Heit**, and any other fishing phenoms. He fished with his brother John and their father Zebedee. If you want to get a compelling interpretation of what St. James was like, check out Season 2, Episode 1 of "The Chosen." (You might have to download the free app to watch it, as it might not still be on YouTube.) I like how St. James the Greater is referred to as "Big James" in this series. By the way, there is also a "James the Less," who is another Apostle who doesn't get much mention after his selection.

Back to the Bible, In Mark chapter 10, **James and John get in hot water with the other ten Apostles** after they approach Jesus and ask to sit as his right and left when he sits on his throne. That story is a set up for one of my favorite lines in the Bible what Jesus tells them that even though the Gentile authorities make their importance and authority over others felt, **"It cannot be that way among you."** Interestingly, Matthew's Gospel account reports that story a little differently. Instead of James and John approaching Jesus to request to favor of the best seats in the Kingdom, it is their MOTHER who asks in their behalf. Ha! Scripture scholars tend to believe that Mark's was the first Gospel account written and that Matthew's and Luke's accounts used it as a basis. In this case, we could guess that Matthew thought Mark's story made the Apostles look bad and so he saved their reputations by throwing their mother under the bus. **In either case the point is the same. If you want to be great, you need to be the servant of all.**

Outside of the Gospel accounts, James the Greater is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 12. He is not the first martyr (Stephen was), but he was the first Apostle to be martyred. **It is because he was martyred by a sword that took off his head that the "St. James Cross" which we have displayed on our windows and baptismal font has a pointed bottom.**

St. James' career is also mentioned outside of the Bible. Tradition developed that he was the Apostle sent to the ends of the earth to the west, which now is Spain and Portugal. One legend is that after his beheading in Jerusalem, his body (without the head which is buried under the altar of St. James Cathedral in Jerusalem) was sent by ship to Spain. When the ship capsized and his body sank, people lost hope of ever recovering it. **By God's providence, however, his body was washed onto shore covered with scallops that protected it from decay.** Held intact by these creatures with their famous sea shells (**that's why we have sea shells all over the place here!!!**), the body was transported to northwest Spain for burial, in a city now called "Santiago de Compostela." Wikipedia says that Santiago is a gradual translation of the Latin "Sanctus Iacobus" and Compostela came from the Latin "Composita Tella" or "Burial Ground." Today the city and its beautiful cathedral with the world's largest swinging incense bowl is most famous for being the goal and end point of the "Way of St. James" or "El Camino de Santiago Compostela." Other than the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, this is the most trod path of Christian pilgrims in the world.

So, how's that for a little info on our great patron saint? **May we all of his thirst to follow Jesus, and learn that greatness lies in service to our neighbor.** Do check out the rest of the bulletin for parish news. Summer Fest is coming! Peace. (P.S. Bucks Win in 6!)

SUMMER FEST 2021

SILENT AUCTION

LOOKING FOR DONATION IDEAS?
CHECK THESE OUT!

GIFT CARDS**WEEKEND
GETAWAY
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with Hotel Accomadations

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SUMMER FEST 2021

CORNHOLE RULES

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BOARDS ARE SET 27 FEET APART

THE GAME IS PLAYED WITH 2 TEAMS OF 2 PLAYERS

— EACH TEAM PLAYS WITH A SET OF 4 BAGS —

TEAMS WILL PLAY STANDING NEXT TO THE BOARD & THEIR COMPETITOR

STAND BEHIND THE FOUL LINE WHEN THROWING

ALTERNATE THROWS BETWEEN TEAMS

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KEEPING SCORE

FIRST TEAM TO SCORE 21 POINTS WINS

0 POINTS	1 POINT	2 POINTS
RECEIVE ZERO POINTS IF A BAG DOES NOT LAND ON THE BOARD OR IN THE HOLE.	RECEIVE ONE POINT FOR A BAG THAT LANDS ON THE BOARD.	RECEIVE TWO POINTS FOR A BAG THAT LANDS INSIDE THE HOLE.

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THE SCORE FOR EACH ROUND IS DETERMINED BY CALCULATING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TEAM TOTALS FOR THAT ROUND. YOU MUST END ON EXACTLY 21 POINTS. IF YOU GO OVER, YOU BUST AND RETURN TO 15 POINTS.

Sojourner House Lead Staff

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse Catholic Charities is currently looking to fill a Shelter Staff Position at the Sojourner House in Eau Claire working with our community homeless population. The Staff would assist in the operations and provide shift supervision, support, and training to volunteers during the evening and night shifts. Ideal candidates will possess excellent decision making & interpersonal skills. Be recognized as a leader and respond to urgent and/ or unexpected situations. Prior experience with the homeless or vulnerable desired. Candidates must be willing to work nights, weekends. Shifts would be 6:30 PM – 1:30 AM and 1:30 AM – 9:30 AM. The starting wage starts at \$13.00/hour. Students interested in the human services field encouraged to apply! Background check required. For immediate consideration, please fill out an application found at <https://cclse.org/sojourner-house-lead-eau-claire/>



Lost and Found

Or is it just lost?
 Did you know we have a lost and found? There are jackets, car keys, glasses, a skateboard, a scooter, jewelry, hats, gloves, and much more—and some have been there for years.
All items will be donated in August unless claimed.
 The lost and found is at the top of the Gathering Space ramp, next to the coat rack. Claim your items!

Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9:00 AM Tuesday-Friday. Rosary and Adoration are available after the Tuesday Mass until 10:30 AM.

Sat.	July 24	4:30 PM Lyle and Arlee Berg 6:30 PM (outdoor) World Peace
Sun.	July 25	8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Albert and Mary Bauer family 10:00 AM People of St. James
Tue.	July 27	Theresa Maenner
Wed.	July 28	Charles Martenson
Thu.	July 29	Clarence Pittman
Fri.	July 30	Souls of Aborted Babies
Sat.	July 31	4:30 PM Carl Robelia
Sun.	Aug. 01	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM Mark Brantner

Feed My People

Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, Eau Claire



Together, let's fight summer hunger.
 Feed My People is raising funds through its second annual "Operation Picnic" summer hunger campaign to provide food to families facing hunger in west central Wisconsin. Thanks to generous community match sponsors, every dollar raised July 7-23, 2021 up to \$12,500 will be matched to help reach its goal of 100,000 additional meals funded. To donate and learn more, visit give.fmpfoodbank.org/OperationPicnic.

Sermon on the Amount

July 11, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (169)	\$14,745.00
2020 same week (168)	\$14,642.00
Students	\$0.00
Plate	<u>\$137.00</u>
Total	\$14,882.00

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through June 30, 2021:

Actual (July 1-June 30)	\$665,833.14
Budgeted (July 1-June 30)	\$620,000.00

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund **and Past*Present*Future Campaign** income for July 11 was \$440.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$2,730.00.

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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.

Chippewa Valley Street Ministry Drive*Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee***Needs List:**

- Men's tank-tops sizes L, XL, 2XL
- Men's jeans waist sizes 30, 32, 34
- Women's yoga pants sizes M, XL
- Tennis Shoes: clean and in good repair, men's sizes 10,11,12, and 13 are most in need.
- Sun lotion / Sunblock / After-burn products (aloe, etc)
- Gatorade
- Baseball caps / hats with brims
- Athletic shorts -- All sizes
- Men's Boxers -- L, XL
- Food Cards: fast food, convenient stores
- Gas Cards: we receive requests for gas cards for fuel for work, appointments

The Chippewa Valley Street Ministry serves the homeless in Eau Claire by being on the streets where the homeless are, providing them with essentials as needed as well as friendship and a listening heart.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

At St. James, in the Gathering Space

Monday, August 9, 1 PM-6 PM

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St. James to schedule an appointment. Or call the parish office.

There is a SEVERE blood shortage; please help if you can.

Concrete Pillow*By Jacob Folger**December 22, 2011*

It is hard, cold and unforgiving
All morning, day and night
Many think I chose this life for me
They say it's not their fight.
Sometimes the hunger really sucks
But I do have my pride
I won't beg, so if I must
In the garbage I will dive.
My one pair of stockings
are so filthy and so stiff
I try to wash them in the public fountain
Since I won't likely get new ones as a gift.
I while away the hours
I just try to get through each day
I wish there was a job for me
To earn some honest pay.
I watch the traffic going by
Busy people to and fro
It is though I am not even here
No one will say hello.
It is now time to lay down to sleep
I pray the Lord, my soul will keep
And whether or not I die before I wake
All homelessness in this world, please eradicate.



*Belated
congratulations to
Marcietta Mae
Sullivan on your
baptism day!*

JONAH thrift sale

Thank you to the Social Concerns Committee for sponsoring the JONAH thrift sale. And thank you to the people of St. James for supporting JONAH by coming to the sale!

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

PARISH BIKE RIDES

Meet at noon!



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