

St. James the Greater

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✚ August 1, 2021

# SUMMER FEST 2021

August 14th & 15th

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday

4:30PM

#### OUTDOOR MASS

(Bring Your Own Chair)

5:30PM

#### PICNIC

(Free Will Offering)

7:00PM

#### PIZZA PARTY

( \$5 for Pizza & Popcorn)

8:00PM

#### MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Disney's SOUL - (Free)

### Sunday

8:00AM

#### CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

(Grassy Area Behind Church)

10:30AM

#### TICKET BOOTHS OPEN KIDS GAMES (TILL 3PM)

11AM-1PM

#### GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER

(Indoor & Outdoor Seating)

11PM-2PM

#### CARICATURE ARTIST

11AM-3PM

#### VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION FAMILY YARD GAMES

11AM-4PM

#### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT OUTDOOR GAMES & TEEN ZONE FOOD TRUCK & BEVERAGE SERVICE

12PM-4PM

#### POT OF GOLD RAFFLE (50-50) PLINKO FOR PASTERIES

1PM-4PM

#### FACE PAINTING LIVE MUSIC BY MOONSHINE BAND

3PM-4PM

#### SILENT AUCTION ITEM PICK UP

(Report to Silent Auction Tent)

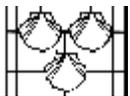
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#### RAFFLE DRAWING

(\$5,900 in Cash Prizes Awarded)



2502 11th Street Eau Claire, WI



Message from Fr. Tom

It was very fun to celebrate the Feast of St. James the Greater with everyone here last weekend. A lot of volunteers pulled off the “main event” of the festivities: Root Beer Floats after all the masses. In case anyone is wonder, yes, that means I had four root beer floats last weekend (with the extra outdoor mass). I did, however, forego an ice cream cone during our parish bike ride. I bet no one but me missed doing the “Dance of Christian Life” from the front doors of church to the statue of St. James. Get ready for next year when I try to revive this limping tradition!

I regularly receive an email titled “Chippewa Valley Street Ministry Journal,” that reports the experiences and needs of our local homeless population. As you can imagine, the great risk now is dehydration from the heat. The street ministers go and hand out water to people they find and also leave a whole bunch of water bottles outside of the Sojourner House Shelter. A real concern now the Covid Delta variant is the possibility of its spread with the homeless people who take shelter at Sojourner now in close quarters. Even when they were spread out more in the spacious Hobbs Ice Center last year, there were still 40+ cases, and so the fear is reasonable. They said a number of unsheltered individuals (those choosing not to stay at Sojourner House) would get a vaccine but don’t have access to social media or other ways to find out about getting vaccinated. I also found this paragraph interesting:

*“Some of the people we serve smoke cigarettes and have done so for most of their lives. People often ask how they can afford the cost. Some of our homeless friends go around town **sniping**: they pick up discarded cigarettes and smoke the remaining butt or use whatever contents are left to create a new cigarette. The practice is risky as disease from saliva can be transmitted which could be deadly depending on what is being transmitted. Can the new Covid variant be transmitted through the saliva droplets left on a butt? Vaccines would decrease the chance of an infection.”*

Ron Wampler died on Tuesday, and the plan as I write to celebrate his Funeral Mass on Friday, July 30. Ron had a long career of public service and was a steady man of the church all his days, with his wife, Geri. If you’ve been to mass on a Saturday in the past several years, chances are you saw him and Geri sitting just in front of the wheelchair section midway down the main church aisle. Unless you were one of the first persons in church, you probably never saw him arrive, since he came very early always. He gave me the impression of being so well grounded in his faith and life in general, with good sensible values and priorities. He and I shared the experiences of Menomonie (though at different times), and a friendship with Fr. Blecha, who was pastor there for 30 years, and that made us fast friends. I’m so grateful that he found a spiritual home at St. James these last several years.

I wrote a column for the newspaper last week that will probably be published July 29 or August 5, titled “**Staying Church Amid Scandal.**” It’s such a real issue for so many churches, but I think especially Catholics in these recent days and years as faith leaders make news by their misconduct, varying from the criminal to the distasteful. Clearly, many people have chosen to leave the Church altogether or hop over to another denomination. I think there are more ex-Catholics than any other denomination, and it was news this year that “None of the Above” is the most popular answer to “Which of the following religions do you identify with.” In my column I said that I cannot pretend to know the experience of people who choose to leave the Church, and I understand and respect those choices even as I hope they will stay or return to help us all be better. I noted that what helps me stay is a humble awareness that the Church always has had and always will have flawed leaders and followers because, simply, the Church is us. And while some crimes by leaders such as abuse of children cannot be tolerated, I have come to expect less than ideal behavior from both leaders and people. I can live with this when I remember that it is Christ who saves, not a bishop or a pastor. Most importantly, I continue to encounter Christ through you, his People, and through the Word proclaimed and the Bread Broken. Flawed as the Church is, it has continued to help people lead good lives through their participation in these pillars of Church life. I was also touched by theologian Timothy Radcliffe’s reason for staying in the Church. He said that he chooses to remain a faithful part of the Church because of his certainty that Christ continues to dwell with us in the Church. Jesus stays with us so it makes sense to stay with him. If you’re struggling with parts of Church that are scandalous or disturbing, I am with you in that. I hope you will be with me in seeing the good and being fed by it. The Church and our parish are stronger and better with you in it. Peace.

**SUMMER FEST 2021***Volunteers Needed***SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH  
SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH**

There is something for everyone - young or old, physical or stationary, social or behind the scenes.

Sign up on the St James Website:

<https://www.stjameseauclaire.org/parish-festival-summer-fest>

**WORK A  
LITTLE,  
PLAY A LOT****SUMMER FEST 2021****Get involved!!**

- Sign up to volunteer,
- Register for the cornhole tournament,
- Order a chicken dinner,
- Register for Teen Zone.

All links are on the parish website:

<https://www.stjameseauclaire.org/parish-festival-summer-fest>

Or you can call the parish office.

**SUMMER FEST 2021****GRILLED  
CHICKEN  
DINNER****NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS****CORNHOLE***Tournament***SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH  
FUN & COMPETITIVE LEAGUES  
\$40 PER TEAM OF 2  
BAGS FLY AT NOON***Register Today!***SUMMER FEST 2021****SUMMER  
FEST AT  
ST. JAMES**

August 15th

NEW

**TEEN  
ZONE**

Outdoor Games  
Painting  
Tie Dyeing  
Obstacle Course Inflatables  
Water Balloons  
Music

**Click Here to Pre-Pay for Event**

\$10 to enter



**Sojourner House Lead Staff**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is currently looking to fill a Shelter Staff Position at the Sojourner House in Eau Claire working with our community homeless population. Duties: 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. 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/>

**Chippewa Valley Street Ministry August 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
- Large backpacks

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.

**St. James Preschool** still has openings in all of it's sessions; 3 year old, T/Th. 8:30 - 11 AM, 3 & 4 year old, MWF 8:30 - 11 AM. M - Th. 4 year old pre-kindergarten, 12:45 - 3:15 PM. Please go to [regiscatholicschools.com](http://regiscatholicschools.com) for registration information or contact information if you have any questions. Come and join us for a fun-filled, faith based experience!

**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 31	4:30 PM Carl Robelia
Sun.	Aug. 01	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM Mark Brantner
Tue.	Aug. 03	Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Wed.	Aug. 04	Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Thu.	Aug. 05	Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Fri.	Aug. 06	Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Sat.	Aug. 07	4:30 PM Ed and Gert Menard
Sun.	Aug. 08	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM William, Balbina, and Willy Kuster

**Holy Rosary Parish, Lima, Fall Festival**

Online Auction bidding starts August 14 at 8 AM, Closing begins August 21 at 6 PM; Drive up beef dinner: Sunday Aug. 29 11 AM—1:30 PM, \$10; Cattle and Corn Auction: Aug. 21 12:30 PM; Poppy Seed roll sale at auction pick up and dinner driveup. Cash raffle drawing Aug. 29

**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!

**Sermon on the Amount**

July 18, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (190)	\$21,890.50
2020 same week (170)	\$15,706.50
Students	\$0.00
Plate	<u>\$165.15</u>
Total	\$22,055.65

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 18 was \$1,335.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$4,065.00.

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**Bulletin deadlines:** end of day Mondays.

1ST-10TH GRADE STUDENTS

**REGISTER FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**

August 9-22

Register on the website [stjameseauclaire.org](http://stjameseauclaire.org) starting Aug. 9th




Congratulations Steve and Shaina!

Thank you to Culvers for donating ice cream to our Feast Day celebration!



Parish Bike Ride

**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](http://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.

The Silent Auction will not be virtual this year as Covid restrictions have lifted enough to have it in person. Deadline to turn in items is August 12 by 2 PM. Bring items to Christine's office. Thanks!

**SUMMER FEST 2021**

**SILENT AUCTION**

LOOKING FOR DONATION IDEAS? CHECK THESE OUT!

**GIFT CARDS**



**WEEKEND GETAWAY PACKAGES**

with Hotel Accomadations



**THEMED BASKETS**

- Holiday
- Date Night
- Family Game Night



**HANDMADE NEW ITEMS ONLY**

- BLANKETS
- SCARFS / MITTENS
- OUTDOOR FURNITURE
- HOME DECOR
- APPAREL



**KIDS**

- Board Games
- Ice Cream Gifts
- Children's Museum Passes



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