

St. James the Greater

Where All are Welcome

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time + August 8, 2021

# SUMMER FEST 2021

August 14th & 15th

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Saturday*

**OUTDOOR MASS**

(Bring Your Own Chair)

**PICNIC**

(Free Will Offering)

**PIZZA PARTY**

( \$5 for Pizza & Popcorn)

**MOVIE ON THE LAWN**

Disney's SOUL - (Free)

*Sunday*

**CAR SHOW REGISTRATION**

(Grassy Area Behind Church)

**TICKET BOOTHS OPEN**

**KIDS GAMES (TILL 3PM)**

**GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER**

(Indoor & Outdoor Seating)

**CARICATURE ARTIST**

**VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION**

**FAMILY YARD GAMES**

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**OUTDOOR GAMES & TEEN ZONE**

**FOOD TRUCK & BEVERAGE SERVICE**

**POT OF GOLD RAFFLE (50-50)**

**PLINKO FOR PASTRIES**

**FACE PAINTING**

**LIVE MUSIC BY MOONSHINE BAND**

**SILENT AUCTION ITEM PICK UP**

(Report to Silent Auction Tent)

**RAFFLE DRAWING**

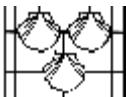
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**BRING YOUR  
OWN CHAIR**



## Message from Fr. Tom

We welcome Fr. Sudhakar to St. James this weekend! Fr. Sudhakar comes to us from the Diocese of Madison where he is pastor of a parish in southwest Wisconsin—actually in Jacky Miller's (she's our pastoral minister) old parish. Jacky and Sharon will be doing the bulk of the hosting making sure that he is comfortable here and that the masses go smoothly. I'm sure he will have much of interest to say and that we will be generous in our support to his appeal. Every parish in our diocese has one weekend per year when a missionary comes to us to preach and seek our financial support.

It's the last weekend before our **Summer Fest** begins! That means I'll have to get serious about practicing my guitar for a few songs on Saturday night. But it also means a lot of other folks will be working pretty hard to make sure everything comes off well. Steve Dickoff has been around a lot as he manages the cash flow for the festival and **Connie Bushman** and **Randi McVinnie** have been working hard as well. ...that's just to name a few. Thanks to all who have stepped forward to participate in any way. I think our **Saturday mass will be joyful. It will be OUTSIDE** behind the new rectory on the far north end of our property. The trees around that space wonderfully serve as both shade and windbreak to make it as pleasant as possible. So far, all the outdoor masses we've celebrated there have been lovely. Please, if you're coming, bring a lawn chair with you, and also it would be helpful, if you can remember, to sit on the north or Bolles St. side, since people tend to bunch up on the school side.

An old high school friend is coming to team up with me for the bean bag tournament, so that will be fun. \$40/team and it really helps if you can sign up in advance.

We'll see how challenged we are during Summer Fest with the situation on the ground with the **Coronavirus, Delta variant**. It really is painful to consider going back to tighter restrictions once again in school and community. And of course, in church. We've had a good deal of conflict this year over masking and distancing in church. Last weekend, I wore my mask when I was talking to people before and after but not when I was distanced in the sanctuary. Apparently this Delta variant spreads like wildfire, or like chicken pox, anyway. And now that we know that even vaccinated people can catch it and spread it, you can see why great care is required of us once again. It's also important to note that people who have been vaccinated, as a whole, suffer only minor symptoms and have a much smaller death rate than the unvaccinated. It's also true that having so many unvaccinated people is the main factor allowing this variant and likely others to develop. I know that people make the best decisions they can with the information they have, but based on the information I have (who's dying, who's spreading, and how to end the spread), I do urge any among you who are unvaccinated to get the shot. I really don't want to go back to mandatory masks and greater distancing. But just because I don't want to doesn't mean that it's not the smart thing to do. So, we'll have to wait and see how things develop.

What a great turn of events in **women's Olympic gymnastics!** My head was swirling with all kinds of questions and thoughts when **Simone Biles** pulled out of the events. It wasn't until I heard a bombastic radio show host insult her for her choice that I realized that such thoughts were terribly wrongheaded indeed. I was initially so caught up in winning that I wondered if she did the right thing. Olympics are supposed to be about coming together as a community, which is why it's equally inspiring to see opponents supporting each other as it is to see your country win, or it should be. But anyway, how lovely that **Suni Lee**, who lives less than 90 minutes away from us, won the All-Around Gold Medal. I can't imagine how important that it to the **Hmong Community**. I'm so glad that it "puts them on the map," so to speak, even though it's too bad it takes something like that to draw the country into this greater appreciation.

Speaking of inspirational Olympic moments, did you ever hear of **Billy Mills**? He is a veteran and Native American from Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota who shocked the world by winning the 10,000-meter race in the last Tokyo Olympics in 1964. I saw a story about in on NBC and it brought a tear to my eye. It's worth a search on YouTube to see some stories on about this!

I will miss everyone this weekend. My hope is to celebrate Eucharist in the mountains, and in that we will continue to be in communion. Peace.

## 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.

### Does your home have a Crucifix?

At Summer Fest you will have the opportunity to choose and take one for free.

### Golf Outing

Parish Golf Outing August 22 at 3:00 PM.

Call Jim Whiteside at 715-225-3223 to sign up.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED in helping Habitat for Humanity? --- I am hoping we can have a group from St. James to work together for Habitat.**

Habitat has three houses in progress and many opportunities to get involved!!

-921 Morningside Rd, Mondovi: Exterior siding August 14 and 15. Landscaping Aug. 21 - 22. Then we are finished.

-217 Cattail Lane, Mondovi - we are still framing the exterior. Could use help roofing Aug. 7 - 8. Then after the mechanicals are completed in August there will be work almost every week and weekend in Sept and Oct.

-710 Eddie Street, Eau Claire - we should close on the house with the Housing Authority within 2 weeks. This might change but we can schedule a demo for Aug. 21 - 22. Carpentry Aug. 28 - 29. Mechanicals Sept. 3 - 4, drywall Sept. 10 - 11.

Volunteers can also help at the Restore, in accounting, fundraising, event planning, cashier, etc. Tues through Sat any week. Please email Mary Kolstad ([kolstadmary@gmail.com](mailto:kolstadmary@gmail.com))

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



### St. James Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. James the Greater Parish in Eau Claire, are a community of Catholic Believers. We nurture our relationship with God and others through prayer, worship, scripture, evangelization and education. We are committed to spiritual growth, service and stewardship. We embrace the diversity of gifts and needs of all people.

Congratulations  
Gina and Ryan!



**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. 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
Tue. Aug. 10 Liturgy of the Word w/Communion
Wed. Aug. 11 James Connolly
Thu. Aug. 12 Peter Brindle
Fri. Aug. 13 Helen Steinmetz
Sat. Aug. 14 4:30 PM Bob Krumenauer
Sun. Aug 15 8:00 AM People of St. James
10:00 AM Eddie Barnett

**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 drive-up. Cash raffle drawing Aug. 29

**Pope Francis Angelus 8/1/21**

By Vatican News staff writer

Francis offered reflections on the day's Gospel reading which speaks about the crowds following Jesus, after they had witnessed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. However, the crowds did not grasp the meaning of what Jesus had done and appeared to be more concerned more about having their fill of material bread.

The Pope said we too risk from this same narrow mentality, what might be called an "*idolatrous temptation*" he described as one where we seek God only for our own use and needs of the moment. This requires us to ask, "why do we seek the Lord?", he said, and to think about what are our true motivations, to consider if our faith concerns seeking God primarily when we need him and forgetting about Him when we are satisfied. The Pope said it is right to present our needs before God, but we need to understand that the Lord first of all "wishes to live with us...in a relationship of love", and to know that in response to our prayers He "acts far beyond our expectations". True love is all gift, not expecting a favor in return, the Pope observed, and the relationship with God "goes beyond the logic of interest and calculation."

**PLEXI GLASS REPORT from the KCs**

The plexi project was initiated by St James Knights of Columbus Roundtable. The project was completed on July 19. The parish had declined the construction of a new pavilion on the upper grounds so a new project was established. In September 2012, Father John Schultz approved the monies the Roundtable earned to be used wherever needed if the pavilion project wasn't approved.

There were fourteen volunteers (not all K of C members) that contributed 300 hours of labor on the plexi glass window project. They finished the project with smiles on their faces, even if the temperature was in the nineties. The project cost \$3500 to complete.

The Roundtable's next project is finishing the hearing aid loop, expected cost is \$6700. After completion everyone should be able to hear Father Tom's great homilies.

Thanks to all who worked on the plexiglass project and giving it your all as it wasn't an easy feat.

Knights of Columbus Roundtable

**Stand in the Light Memory Choir**

Fall choir rehearsals Thursdays, 10-11 am, Aug. 19-Nov. 18, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Rehearsals will be hybrid, in person as well as zoom. For more information email standinthelightchoir@gmail.com or call 715-210-4165. This choir is for people who are experiencing memory loss and their care partners.

**St. Bridget's Parish Picnic** August 15. charcoal chicken dinner 11 AM to 2 PM, live music from 1-4 pm, a silent auction, kid's games, baked goods, produce, and crafts.

**Sermon on the Amount**

July 25, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (105)	\$6,514.00
2020 same week (105) \$8,188.00	
Students	\$0.00
Plate	<u>\$161.00</u>
Total	\$6,675.00

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 25 was \$75.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$4,140.00.

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<b>Bulletin deadlines:</b>	end of day Mondays.

Don't forget—this year we ask you to bring your own chair both days!!! (saves on disinfecting constantly)

The Silent Auction will not be virtual this year after all. Deadline to turn in items is August 12 by 2 PM. Bring items to the Gathering Space. Thanks!

## 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**

Last chance to register for the cornhole tournament.  
Day of registration will not be available.

**CORNHOLE  
Tournament**

SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH  
FUN & COMPETITIVE LEAGUES  
\$40 PER TEAM OF 2  
BAGS FLY AT NOON

**Register Today!**

**SUMMER FEST 2021**

## SILENT AUCTION

LOOKING FOR DONATION IDEAS?  
CHECK THESE OUT!

### GIFT CARDS



### WEEKEND GETAWAY PACKAGES

with Hotel Accomodations



### 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



### NEW DESIGNER HANDBAGS



### UNIQUE EVENT TICKETS

- Escape Rooms
- Zip Lines
- Adventure Parks
- Concert Tickets
- Sporting Events



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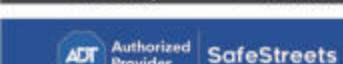
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