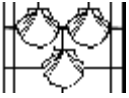


St. James the Greater
Where All are Welcome
Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time ✚ August 22, 2021



Summer Fest 2021! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and everyone who came, what a wonderful celebration of community. Pictured—just a few of our amazing volunteers.





Message from Fr. Tom

Hi Everyone. I hope you've been able to enjoy these sunny summer days. I've been so lucky to have a steady stream of guests over the past week—four in total! Most recently, Fr. Steve Brice came through OK looking for shelter on his way to Minneapolis for a funeral. I don't think Steve ever ministered in the Eau Claire area, so probably very few of you know him, but he is really one of our finest priests. He was my mom's pastor for 18 years, he prays more than anyone I know, and he has a good sense of humor. I think those last two qualities are related, actually, if we're praying well. He and I used to go backpacking together but that hasn't happened for seven years now. Either his body isn't up to the task anymore or he found my company undesirable. Anyway, it was good to see him for a decent chunk of time.

Jim Wampler sent me an inspiring story about Molly Seidel who won the bronze medal in the Olympic Marathon this year. She grew up in southern Wisconsin, Hartland, and won all kinds of distance races, and then went to the University of Notre Dame and won all kinds of distance races. The Tokyo Olympics Marathon was only her third marathon that she ever ran! Before the race, Molly's mom texted her a "Prayer to St. Jude," which she herself had found while praying at a prayer grotto on ND's campus back when she was a college student. St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hopeless/Impossible Causes. Part of the prayer typically includes something like this: *"Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (make your request here)."* Molly said that during the last four miles of the 26.2 mile race, in the 100-degree heat, she prayed this prayer again and again to give her strength. She shocked the world by winning the bronze medal.

Golf Outing, Sunday, September 26! Per usual, this is not a formal affair with "Long Drive" and "Closest to the Pin" awards. Rather, I'll just gather up as many names of people who are interesting (ha! I meant people who are interestED not interestING, but I suppose interesting people would be a plus!) –anyway, people who are interested in playing nine holes and grabbing a beverage in the clubhouse afterward, please let me know so that I can reserve appropriate tee times, starting at 1:00.

In addition, I have dates set for Parish Bike Rides, we have a couple Viking fans who've enhanced our rides, so I tried to accommodate all football fans as best as I can, but imperfectly. Unfortunately, the Vikings have a lot of noon games, so that made it difficult. So, here's what I have: September 5th and 19th, October 3rd and 31st, November 7th and 14th. As always, meeting in the 11th Street lot at 12:00.

Speaking of calendar dates, we scheduled outdoor masses through October, as follows: August 28, 6:00 PM, September 12, 12:00, September 25, 6:00, October 10, 12:00, October 31, 12:00. When these conflict with Parish Bike Rides, the rides will move to 1:30—that's only on October 31.

Jacky Miller has been a busy beaver these past weeks as the chief organizer for this weekend's River Prairie Cultural Festival. Taking place in Altoona in the River Prairie Park (by the giant American flag), this event will feature music, dance, food and activities from the diverse cultures present in the Chippewa Valley. You might recall my report from the Crazy Horse Memorial, that the Native American hoop dancer I saw told us that the best way to overcome past trauma and hurt is to get to know each other. This festival is a chance for people to get to know a bit more about people from different cultures. I saw our own Sergio Kirby at our parish festival last week, and he was excited to tell me that he is playing bass for Naalia, whose beautiful voice will be sings songs of Selena. I'm hoping that Dan and Mi Sullivan will be there selling their "Banh Mi" Vietnamese sandwiches, as well.

Now that our own festival, Summer Fest, is a fading memory, I do want to offer heart-felt thanks to all whose labor helped to make it truly a joyful time for our community. Once I start listing names I'm sure to leave people out, so I hope you understand this general Thank You applied to so many. Thank YOU!

River Prairie Cultural Festival

A community festival that celebrates the cultural diversity in the Chippewa Valley. Music, Food and Craft vendors, Performances, pop-up vaccination clinic.

River Prairie Park, Aug. 22. Noon-5 PM.

For more details go to facebook.com/events/864424384190114

Sponsored by the city of Altoona, JONAH, Islamic Society of Northern Wisconsin, Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, El Centro de Conexion, Uniting Bridges, and area Police Departments

Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Service

Please join us at St. Peter's in Tilden on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 PM to pray with and for those who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or loss of a child. This prayer service is open to everyone and provides a time for us to come and remember each special child. There will be a remembrance for each family to take home. A reception will follow the service. Please feel free to invite relatives and friends.

To register please complete the paper form or online form. Return the paper form to: St. Charles - St. Peter Central Office, Attn: St. Peter's Elizabeth Ministry, 810 Pearl Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, OR register online at: <https://bit.ly/SPMemorialService>. If you have any further questions about the event please call our central parish office at 715.723.4088 or text message us at 715.944.4921.

Holy Ghost Parish Picnic

Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls is hosting its' 50th Annual Parish Picnic Weekend on Sept. 11 and 12! A delicious roast beef sandwich meal will be served after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, and the full picnic with fair style food, Bingo, games, raffles, and silent auction will be held on Sunday after the 11 am Mass. We hope to see you there!

The APPLE Pregnancy Care Center will be hosting its Fall Client Advocate training beginning in Sept. This training is for women and men who desire to work directly with clients at APPLE. If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; are a compassionate advocate for life; have a desire to touch lives; love people and enjoy listening to them - we would love to have you serve Him with us in pregnancy care and support ministry. By completing the training, you will be equipped to meet with our clients in the office. Training begins Friday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 AM and will continue each Friday morning for the next eight weeks. Training will be held at the APPLE office - 2600 Stein Blvd. in Eau Claire. The cost for materials is \$30.00. For more information or to register, please contact Rachel at APPLE at 715-834-5254.

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Tuesday, September 7 (Anytime Between 12:45 and 3:15 PM.) * First Day 9/08

Tuesday & Thursday Morning Class

Tuesday, September 7 (Anytime Between 8:30 and 11 AM.) * First Day 9/09

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Morning Class

Wednesday, September 8 (Anytime Between 8:30 and 11 PM.) * First Day 09/10

Parent Orientation Night

Tuesday, September 14 | 6 PM.
 (Child Care Not Available)

St. John's Cook Valley Fall Festival

Sunday, Sept. 12, 11 AM-5 PM

Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle Drawing, Charcoal Chicken Dinner (adults \$10, children \$5, carryout \$10), Cake Walk, Grocery Game, Craft Sale, Country Store, Fames, Food Stand, religious items for sale.

Help Haiti

Help Catholic Relief Services help the people in Haiti who suffered from the recent earthquake by going to www.crs.org to donate.

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.



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Sermon on the Amount

August 8, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (148)	\$11,586.00
2020 same week (158)	\$12,042.00
Students	\$0.00
Plate	\$133.00
Total	\$11,719.00

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through July 31, 2021:

Actual (July 1-June 30)	\$57,557.75
Budgeted (July 1-June 30)	\$50,000.00

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and Past*Present*Future Campaign income for Aug. 8 was \$335.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$4,775.00.

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. 21	4:30 PM Steve Alf
Sun.	Aug. 22	8:00 AM George Hanson 10:00 AM People of St. James
Tue.	Aug. 24	Sr. Marion Bauer
Wed.	Aug. 25	John Ashbaugh
Thu.	Aug. 26	Mary Lou Nowak
Fri.	Aug. 27	Deceased members of the Edmund Merkel Family
Sat.	Aug. 28	4:30 PM Carl Robelia 6:00 PM OUTDOOR
Sun.	Aug. 29	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM Peter Castner

Golf Outing

Parish Golf Outing August 22 at 3:00 PM.
Call Jim Whiteside at 715-225-3223 to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity

St. James is starting an initiative to work with Habitat for Humanity in providing HOUSING and home preservation.

Here are just a few things volunteers have the opportunity to help with on-site:

- General construction work & installation; interior/ exterior
- Site clean-up
- Landscaping
- Making meals & snacks for volunteers & the Partner Family
- Photography for PR & CVH4H newsletters

Or Volunteer at the local ReStore?

Here are just a few examples we need help with at our ReStore:

- Customer service for both shoppers & donors
 - Processing & staging donated items & materials
 - Organizing, tidying, & staging the sales floor
 - Making light meals/snacks for volunteers/ groups Special projects; individual & group!
- for more information contact either Mary Kolstad @ kolstadmary@gmail.com. OR go to <https://www.cvh4h.org/>
Thank you for your generous support in time, talent and willingness to serve the community!!
blessings --- Mary

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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.

SUMMER FEST RAFFLE - 2021

PLACE	AMOUNT	WINNER
1st	\$ 3,000.00	Julie Kohls
2nd	\$ 1,000.00	Katie Gleason
3rd	\$ 500.00	John Fisher
4th	\$ 250.00	Julie Soumis
4th	\$ 250.00	Julie Serum
5th	\$ 100.00	Deb Coppage
5th	\$ 100.00	Jon Backlund
5th	\$ 100.00	Judy Mirr
5th	\$ 100.00	Donna Hatleli
6th	\$ 50.00	Larry McSorley
6th	\$ 50.00	Lucie McGee
6th	\$ 50.00	Fred Gutsch
6th	\$ 50.00	Dawn Walker
6th	\$ 50.00	Judy Mirr
6th	\$ 50.00	Carol Becker
6th	\$ 50.00	Janet Howard
6th	\$ 50.00	Dave Oldenberg
6th	\$ 50.00	Beth Frommett
6th	\$ 50.00	Jim Julson

Welcome to the church Thaddeus Gary Roehm, son of Gary and Delina. How fun to have a baptism during Summer Fest!



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