

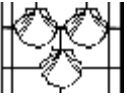
St. James the Greater
Where All are Welcome
September 12, 2021



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35



Message from Fr. Tom

This weekend has special joy for St. James Parish because we welcome two new members to not only our parish but the Christian family! On Saturday, Michael and Amanda Hodel present their child for baptism, and then on Sunday Kayla and Matthew Brantner will do the same. So, get ready for joy!

If it's really true that "You are what you eat," I'll be turning into a BLT soon, thanks to a nice crop of tomatoes at the rectory and some welcome gifts at my door. In a concession to calorie-counting, I starting going "No mayo" on these sandwiches, which I'm sure will make a big difference. I hope you're able to enjoy some favorite treats this Fall. I know that it is one of many losses to grieve as we grow older that we can no longer have some treats we love so much or at least not as much as we like. I'm happy to say that **my mom likes the food** where she lives quite a lot. Sometimes she notes that the serving of meat was a little, well, little. But overall she's happy with the cuisine. **She's gotten gifts from St. James parishioners** over the years, too, like from **Bonnie and Ginger**, and most recently **Karen** gave me forty pounds, or was it ounces, of Peanut M&M's. I wanted to confirm with Mom that she wanted them, and at first she responded, "I better not," with calories in mind, I'm sure. But I noticed by the time I left, the bag of M&M's was no longer on my duffle bag bur firmly on her kitchen counter. So, that's good!

I extended my Labor Day holiday into Tuesday and visited a friend and his wife in Milwaukee—it was good timing because he is a teacher in the north suburbs and he had Tuesday off for **Rosh Hashanah**. What's Rosh Hashanah? Well, there's a healthy Jewish population where he teaches, and Rosh Hashanah is a high holy day for Jews, basically the start of their New Year, and it begins a period of ten days that culminates with **Yom Kippur**. If there is one day when Jewish people go to synagogue, it is on Yom Kippur, the "Day of Atonement," much like our Ash Wednesday, when they seek forgiveness for all their sins of the previous year. Believe it or not, two years ago when I was in Jerusalem for Yom Kippur, the streets were empty all day—including the freeways and other main roads that would be bumper to bumper on another other day. Well, during any Sabbath traffic is light as well, but on Yom Kippur we're talking eerie emptiness on the streets, except for families walking or bicycle riding, even on the freeways. Witnessing this really impacted me. I walked in the middle of the road from Bethlehem to Jerusalem to the Church of Peter in Gallucantu and prayed in front of an icon of St. Peter, head in his hands, grieving, after he heard the cock crow and realized he had denied knowing his Lord and friend.

I've announced via email to book clubbers and a Facebook post, but until now have neglected to mention our next "Parish Book Club" book. It is *The Forty Parables of Jesus*, by Gerhard Lohfink. We will meet to discuss **in person and on Zoom on September 28 and October 5**. I've heard from some who cannot join to discuss that they loved the book for new insights. Others have found it a difficult read. I'm trying to get another man in the group, so I invited **Peter Wagener**, a noted book person, and he said he'd love to Zoom but would have to do it on Zoom from Russia where he, God willing, will have a joyful reunion with his wife Loubov. Let's pray that happens for them! Anyway, all are welcome to participate in this book, and I am sorry for the late notice in my bulletin column.

If you have internet and are **interested in hearing an hour-long presentation about St. Oscar Romero** (d. 1980) by a Maryknoll priest who know him, let me know and I can send you a link to participate. It will take place on **Thursday, Sept 16 from 2-3PM**. The evening before, **Kelly Beaudrie and I will be hosting a bike ride for our youth** as we near the kick off of our year of Wednesday night religious education. We'll leave from the back parking lot at **6:15 this coming Wednesday. Golf outing Sunday, September 26, 1:00 at Mill Run**. It would help us to know who can come so we can reserve as many tee times at Mill Run as we need. Please contact **Jim Whiteside** if you can join us, or call parish office. I believe this time presents no conflict for either Viking or Packer fans! (Though Viking fans might want that 1:00 tee time.)

Last, **happy retirement to Laurie Osberg** from her demanding position as an attorney in the Public Defender's Office. Laurie had served as part time music director at St. James a little while back and also plays piano for us with great spirit. And in her "day job" was a great example of the many ways so many of you live out your faith in difficult and important ways. Her retirement coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, so she apologized in advance if she's kind of happy on that day. Peace to all.

St. Mary's 2021 Fall Festivities

Sept. 12: Family Fun Day! 12-3 PM. Concessions, kid's games, Kevin's balloons

Sept. 19: Adult Night Out, Kids Night In! 5-9 PM.

Outside: Beer tent, BBQ concessions, music

Inside: Children's movie, pizzas and piñata

Grand prize raffle: \$1500. Tickets \$5 each.

Sept 26: Chicken Dinner Finale! 11:30 AM-3 PM

Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Country Store, Raffle Drawing

St. Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomer will be having their Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 26. Charcoal Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 10:30 until 2:00 PM. Activities include giant thrift sale, raffles, children's games, silent auction, cake walk and produce stand. Please come, enjoy the day with us.

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.

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!

Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #10774

FISH DINNER St. Raymond of Peñafort Church
SERVING: Deep Fried and Baked Cod Loins, Au gratin Potatoes, French Fries, Bread Pudding and more. **Friday, September 24, 2021.** Serving Hours: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Carryouts Available: (715) 877-3400. PRICES: 3-piece Dinner: \$12.00, 2-piece Dinner: \$11.00, Ages 6-11: \$ 6.00 South of Brackett or North of Foster on Highway 53 Turn East on Mallard Road (address: E10455 Mallard Road). Check out and buy a chance on the Parish Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale!

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club

On Monday Sept. 20, we will begin our new year with a welcome back lunch 11:45 to 1:15 at River Prairie Park in Altoona (large pavilion by the pond) Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Sanitizer, bottled water, napkins, plates and dessert will be provided. We will eat at NOON, have a short meeting, followed by door prizes. All Catholic women of the Eau Claire area are invited to join us. We meet Monday's six times from September to May, gathering to share our faith, food and fellowship. Our funds are used to support Catholic Schools and other local charities in need. If you have any questions call Judi Teske at (715-835-6861)

Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan

Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "**Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body.**" Schedule: 6:00 PM – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 PM – Banquet; 7:45 PM – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit diolc.org/gospeloflife

40th Annual Rural Life Day 2021

Wednesday, September 22 at 10 AM

Diocesan event in the Eau Claire Deanery this year!

Carla Kostka & Barry Kostka

Castle Rock Organic Farms

S12360 Young Road, Osseo, Wisconsin

Members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish

Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop William Patrick Callahan

We gather to...Praise God for providing an abundant food source to sustain our lives. Appreciate and celebrate the farmer in our midst who are good stewards of these resources. Educate and demonstrate the connection we have with agriculture in our daily lives.

St. James the Greater Core Values

Fully Loving: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and everyone else." 1Thess. 3:12

Faithfully Teaching: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

Compassionately Serving: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45

Tuly Living: The promise of being fully Christ-like in the future is in itself motivation for becoming more Christ-like now. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6

Joyfully Catholic: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12



St. James Golf Outing

The golf outing has been rescheduled to Sept. 26 at 1 PM. Please contact Jim Whiteside for more info, 715-225-3276.

Summer Fest Needs Help!

We will need someone to take over handling PR and marketing, which mostly consists of creating ads and posters.

We also, more urgently, need a family to take over the concession stand! After many years of generous service, the Kryziks are retiring from the role. They would be happy to train anyone willing. Won't you please consider taking on this critical function?

Let Christine know if you have any questions: 715-835-5887 or christine@stjameseauclaire.org

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, we will begin RCIA classes on October 3. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process that enables the study of Scripture, Catholic Christian teaching and traditions, liturgy and sacraments, morals, and social justice. It is the deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local parish community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants. It is:

For adults who have never been baptized and are seeking to join the Catholic Church

For baptized adults who desire to be received into full communion with the Catholic Faith

For adults, baptized Catholic, but never catechized or fully initiated

Please contact Jacky Miller, Pastoral Minister for questions/details or to register jacchuck@yahoo.com, (835-5887, #3)

Apple Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life

Apple PCC's Walk for Life, held on Sept. 18, enables us to continue to serve. We count on this important fundraiser to stand for life in this community. We educate, support and mentor women and men in the Chippewa Valley every year, and we can't do it without the support of this community. Please go to www.friendsofapple.org to register, get more information on the walk, or donate. Thanks for all you do to support Apple PCC.

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.	Sept. 11	4:30 PM James Connolly
Sun.	Sept. 12	8:00 AM Pat Johnson 10:00 AM People of St. James NOON MASS ON THE GRASS
Tue.	Sept. 14	Margaret Bechel
Wed.	Sept. 15	Peter Castner
Thu.	Sept. 16	Pat McBride
Fri.	Sept. 17	Deceased members of the Edmond Merkel family
Sat.	Sept. 18	4:30 PM Jim and LaVonne Kelley
Sun.	Sept. 19	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM Tom Bye

St. James Elementary

Tuesday, September 21, Jeans for Jesus
Tuesday, September 28, Regis Spirit Day
Friday, September 24, No School-Diocesan In-Service

Volunteers for Rural Life Day**Wednesday Sept. 22**

Needed; Setting and decorating tables: 8:00 AM
Help parking cars: 8:00 to 10:00 AM
Resetting chairs after Mass for lunch 11:00 AM
General Cleanup 2:00 to 4:00 PM

If Interested: contact:

Sharon Bussard 715-379-5542, sbuzz2304@gmail.com
Need names by September 7

Sermon on the Amount

	August 29, 2021
Sunday Adult Envelopes (103)	\$8,167.00
2020 same week (98)	\$6,308.00
Students	\$0.00
Plate	<u>\$223.00</u>
Total	\$8,390.00
Catholic Relief Services for Haiti	\$1,836.50

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through Aug. 31, 2021:
Actual (July 1-Aug. 31) \$116,582.50
Budgeted (July 1-Aug. 31) \$112,083.29

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund
and *Past*Present*Future Campaign* income for Aug. 29 was
\$30.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$5,955.00.

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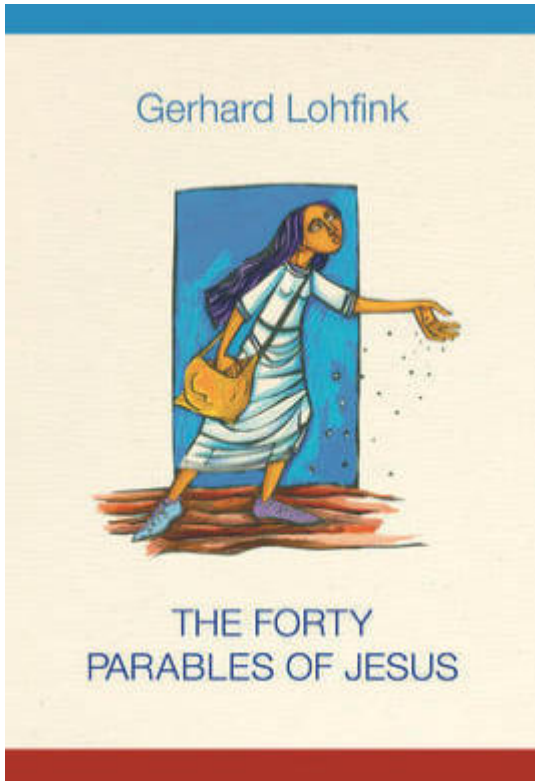
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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.

Fr. Tom Book Group the dates have been changed plus a night added: so Sept 28 and Oct 5 (consecutive Tuesdays), 6:30 via Zoom and in person. Contact Fr. Tom for zoom link.



Jacky Miller at the Cultural Festival



heaps of mulch spread across school playground by 4 volunteers .

Happy first day of school from St. James 3rd graders!



Autumn Parish Trip to the Corn Maze

Join parishioners in a trip to Govin's Corn Maze on Sept. 26 at NOON. Cost is \$12 per person. Meet in the school parking lot at NOON. If it's raining it will be rescheduled. Call Carissa Bach for more info or to sign up: carissa_bach@yahoo.com; 715-514-1533.

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