

St. James the Greater

Where All are Welcome



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

En aquel tiempo, Juan le dijo a Jesús: "Hemos visto a uno que expulsaba a los demonios en tu nombre, y como no es de los nuestros, se lo prohibimos". Pero Jesús le respondió: "No se lo prohíban, porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí". - Mc 9, 38-39



Message from Fr. Tom

I saw a flyer from the Diocese of Tandag in The Philippines that featured the following quote from Pope Francis: “Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” Read that a few times, and slowly, and let it sink in, especially that last line.

I was supposed to get a haircut last week, but my barber wasn't feeling well and so he canceled his appointments for a day or two. I'm glad! I imagine that in his position I might be tempted to take some ibuprofen and tough it out to keep the profits coming and the customers happy. So, I'm glad for his example of sacrificing those things instead of risking passing on a virus, or the virus. I don't mind sporting longer hair—makes me feel like I'm in high school again.

Congratulation to **Matt Harmon and Lindsay Komro Harmon** who received the Sacrament of Marriage here at St. James on Friday afternoon. Matt serves the good people of Menomonie as a police officer and Lindsay is an occupational therapist, I believe here in Eau Claire. It's always good to have our young people seeking to marry in the Church. It's becoming less and less common as recent years pass. A survey I read several years ago showed that the rate of divorce among those who marry in the Church is lower than those who don't, and among those who then go to Church together, still lower. And among those who marry in the Church, go to Church, AND have a shared prayer life, divorce is quite rare.

I'm sure many of you are wondering when **this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal will begin**, I hope because you are eager to join our parish effort in support this annual fund drive. Well, we just found out this week that the kick-off weekend will be in **early October**. This is later than usual. Why? Well, without wanting to cause any panic, I'm pretty sure it's because originally this year's Appeal was supposed to be folded into a diocese-wide capital campaign, but after spits and starts that campaign looks like it won't get off the ground until the coming Spring. I'll keep you posted! In the meantime, I do hope we get wide participation for the Annual Appeal, which we have lacked for a long time. At the same time, I am grateful that our week to week regular offerings have been so strong despite COVID.

Speaking of finances, our **Finance Council met last week** with the only agenda item being “**Strategic Planning**” with **Paula Winter** as our facilitator. She has met with all the major parish groups now and after one more meeting with the Finance Council **she will put together a presentation of her findings and communicate it to the parish**. Thanks so much, Paula—and everyone who has cooperated so well with her efforts!

Speaking of Paula, people were wondering who the “**Stump Fairy**” is. Apparently, many conjectured that a winged creature came in the wee hours of the night and ground up a stump of one of our trees near 11th Street that blow over in a storm last month. To the disappointment of those thinking it a sign of divine intervention—but to the joy of those who love to see God working through one of us—we found out that the stump fairy was not a literal angel but in fact **Roy Ashbeck**. (Roy is Paula's Dad, which is why I began this paragraph as I did.)

Golf outing this Sunday 1:00 tee times—contact **Jim Whiteside** right away if interested! Next Parish Bike Ride is **October 3** at 12:00, and the one after that is **October 31**. The long-awaited **Book Club on the Parables** is **this Tuesday and next**. I get to speak to the parents of **2nd graders this Wednesday and next** about **Sin and Forgiveness** as they prepare their children for First Reconciliation this year. Then it's another wedding and **Amanda Feils and Matthew Lewellen** walk up to the altar.

Last, some good news that I'm in touch with **friends in Bethlehem** and we will again be ordering items for them which will make great **Christmas gifts** or personal keepsakes. —this will include more **olive oil!**

Peace to you. May each of us have the grace of making someone else happy this week.



New parish small groups!

From the survey, a number of new small groups are being formed, based on people's interests. Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Card games, Social, Women's service/mission.

The Social group will meet this Sunday 9/26 at 9 AM.

The Card Games group will meet next Sunday 10/3 at 9 AM.

If you are interested in learning more or joining one of these groups, let Christine know. If you have an interest not listed that you think would make a great small group, also let Christine know!

The Knights of Columbus of Stanley, Wisconsin is sponsoring a **Charcoal Chicken Dinner** on Thursday, Oct. 7. Date: Thursday, Oct. 7, Time: 4 PM to until gone Where: Holy Family Hall, Stanley. Price: Half Chicken-\$12.00, Quarter Chicken-\$10.00, 5 & under Free. Don't cook. After work take home your supper.

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

Join us Monday evening, Oct. 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

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.

Chippewa Valley Theater Guild's Godspell

A musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew.

7:30 pm Sept-30-Oct. 2

1:30 pm Oct. 2-3

JAMF theater at the Pablo

Adults/Seniors \$35, youth/students \$15.

Tickets: call 715-832-7529 or online at cvtg.org

Life Chain

The Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 2:00-3:30 PM. Life Chain is a peaceful witness and prayer vigil on behalf of unborn children whose lives are threatened by abortion. Get your pro-life sign at the Regis High School parking lot, and then stand with us along South Hastings Way as we pray for an end to abortion.

Grilled Chicken Dinner

Holy Ghost Parish is hosting their Fabulous Grilled Chicken Meal on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 11 AM until 1:30 PM. This will be a walk-up carry out or drive-thru event. The menu includes grilled 1/4 chicken with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll and dessert The cost is \$10.00. We hope to see you there!

Dinner in Tilden

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Tilden will be having a pork steak, sauerkraut and dumpling dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 13, from 4-7 or until gone. The price of the meal is \$11. The meal features pork steak, sauerkraut, dumplings, brown beans, roll and dessert. This event is DRIVE-THROUGH only. Sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters (Court 2034).

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 Oct. 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)

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.

Women's Bible Study

A new women's bible study group has formed. Topic for the study was still TBD at the time of publishing this bulletin. Some ideas were: potential ideas are Women in Scripture, Formed, or a particular book of the bible using the Colleagueville bible commentaries.

This group will meet the second and fourth Thursdays, in the Gathering space with masks required. The next meeting will be Thursday Oct. 14. .

**Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity!****Building Homes, Communities, and HOPE!**

St. James is offering an opportunity to be a part of **READYING/PREPARING** a HOME for a family on **710 Eddy**

Street. What a great way to HELP. Just volunteer a few hours, a day or when you can. There is so much need in the Chippewa Valley and this is a place to start. IF you are interested in helping prepare a HOME.

For more information you can email or call **Mary Kolstad 715-577-6678 OR kolstadmary@gmail.com OR** go to: **Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity (cvh4h.org)**

Men's Bible Study

A new men's bible study group has formed, studying the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Come get a better understanding of scripture and liturgy. **Meetings are on the first and third Monday of the month, from 7-8:30 PM**. The first meeting had to be canceled due to inclement weather so the first meeting will be Oct. 4.

All men are welcome—and **we're looking for a few more men** to make this group fully feasible. Contact Christine for more information or to join.

John Dorsey Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of Life for John Dorsey on Oct. 9 from 11-3 at the Elks Club on Hamilton Ave.

St. James Elementary

Tuesday, September 28, Regis Spirit Day

Friday, September 24, No School-Diocesan In-Service

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. 25	4:30 PM Tom BaDour
		6:00 PM Mass on the Grass
Sun.	Sept. 26	8:00 AM People of St. James
		10:00 AM Eddie Barnett
Tue.	Sept. 28	Dave, Shirley and Jon McSorley
Wed.	Sept. 29	Steven Lange
Thu.	Sept. 30	Carol Porn
Fri.	Oct. 01	Deceased members of the Robert Schmeckel family
Sat.	Oct. 02	4:30 PM Koller/Bauer family
Sun.	Oct. 03	8:00 AM People of St. James
		10:00 AM Ron Hunter

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

Sermon on the Amount

September 12, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (157)	\$12,364.00
2020 same week (134)	\$11,742.00
Students	\$1.00
Plate	<u>\$407.50</u>
Total	\$12,772.50

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 Sept. 12 was \$1,310.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$7,655.00.

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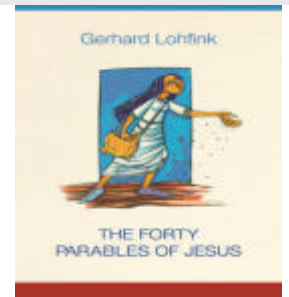
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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.



Fr. Tom Book Group Sept 28 and Oct 5 (consecutive Tuesdays), 6:30 via Zoom and in person. Contact Fr. Tom for zoom link. Book: Gerhard Lohfink's Forty Parables of Jesus.



Religious education bike ride (top)
Fr. Tom and the kindergartners (middle)
and parish bike rides (bottom)



Music Musings:

Did you know that our Brain reads music regardless of what musical abilities we even though we do not have the words in front of us our heart can FEEL them.

Thank you for your continued support and appreciation of the music @ St. James. It

wouldn't happen without your love of Liturgy!!!

One of the songs from last week:

"Here at this Table" with the text: *Come and be filled, here at this table. Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst. Drink of his love, wine of salvation. You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.*

Please take this with you as you move through the weeks of Covid and find strength in the WORD and MUSIC. *A worship aid is provided on the website for you to print and read along.*

Submitted by Mary Kolstad.



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