

Under the Steeple

ST. JAMES PARISH



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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

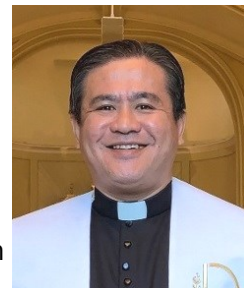
The Season of Advent is the beginning of the Liturgical Calendar of Catholic Church. The word ADVENT comes from the Latin word ADVENTUS, which means coming. Adventus is equivalent to the Greek word PAROUSIA, commonly used in the Letters of St. Paul to refer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Hence, the Season of Advent has a penitential spirit as well as eschatological character.

The liturgical color of Advent is purple. Purple highlights the penitential character of Advent Season. This is a season of expectation, preparation and penance. As a season of penance, it prepares us spiritually for the celebration of the Christmas season in which we celebrate and reflect

upon the mystery of the incarnation of the Word of God.

Advent also has an eschatological character filled with a sense of expectation. It is a time to put the house of the soul in order before the arrival of the guest of honor, Jesus Christ, who will come unannounced like a thief in the night in His second coming. As St. Paul wrote: *"For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."* 1 Thessalonian 5:2

The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas day. Each Sunday of Advent has a theme for reflection that will help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.



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JOIN THE HUDDLE

Every Saturday evening and Sunday morning, a team huddle forms inside St. James Church. It is made up of people young and old, from every conceivable occupation, rich and poor, smart and simple. The team is preparing for the most incredible event of our Catholic faith, the Mass. Every person in the huddle is important, and every person is surrounded and supported by their captain and teammates. You too belong to this incredible team!

Participating in Mass on-line was a godsend during the initial stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. And many of us became rather good at making this a new routine, wearing pajamas with a cup of coffee in hand. But watching Mass from home is like being a spectator,

By Jean Schleis

relaxing in a recliner during the game, and not actually in the bleachers, in on the action of the game.

So now churches are open, and we can return to Mass in person. Our Bishop has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation. We need to be at church physically to partake in the Eucharist and experience the prayerful support and friendship of fellow believers. We are not alone on the path to heaven—it is filled with people who can help guide the way. And we need you to be part of the huddle. On Every Given Sunday, we invite you to

Mass at St. James. Come to church for the encouragement and strength of the team. Rest assured, our parish is still adhering to strict health and safety

Let's Come Together as One
As friends and followers of Jesus,
EVERY GIVEN SUNDAY - WELCOME BACK!



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YOUTH MINISTRY MAKING A DIFFERENCE



It is in giving of ourselves that we receive” – St. Francis of Assisi

- ♥ “Coats for Kids” collection for the Salvation Army
- ♥ Decorating pumpkins to raise funds for NEW Shelter
- ♥ Make a Difference Day on October 23

*Parish youth are invited to contact Patty Bekkers for info about Youth Ministry. Connect with others in our parish, area and diocese to serve others, praise God and make new friends.
Patty: 920-660-8064 or tbekkers@centurytel.net*

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protocols from both the diocese and governmental agencies. Hand sanitizer is at the entrances, masks are recommended and there are pews blocked off for social distancing. The church is cleaned and sanitized before each Mass.

Why not invite someone to come with you, someone who has been away too long or has been lulled into contentment during Covid.

Invite your neighbors, co-workers, and family members; wake up the kids on Sunday morning; turn off your electronics. Come back and receive the Eucharist in person at Mass to be filled with the graces

of this amazing sacrament and the prayerful support of fellow parishioners. You are welcome at St. James Church, this Sunday, and EVERY GIVEN SUNDAY!

If you are frail due to illness or age, and in your well-formed conscience believe that going into public places — including Sunday Mass, would place your health in serious jeopardy, you are not bound by the Sunday obligation. People in these situations should adhere to the third commandment ‘To Keep Holy the Lord’s Day’ by spending time in prayer, reading the

Scriptures and taking part in acts of charity from home. In addition, those unable to attend Sunday Mass for legitimate reasons are encouraged to tune into the livestreamed Mass on St. James Facebook page, or the televised Mass on WFRV Local 5, celebrated by Bishop Ricken every Sunday at 7:30 am.

An induction hearing loop system is installed at St. James Church for the benefit of those with hearing aids. To use, switch your hearing aid to ‘T’



Bereavement Ministry

CIRCLE OF FAITH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

By Tom Bekkers

I have had the privilege of providing support and guidance to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one for the past 12 years as part of our Circle of Faith Bereavement Ministry. There is an incredible benefit of meeting with others who have also experienced the loss of a loved one and to know that their feelings are truly heard and validated. Participating in a group offers coping strategies as people strive to regain a sense of the "new normal" in their lives.

Over the course of the past year, with the impact of the COVID pandemic, we have adjusted our ministry to offer the option of meeting both in person at St James Parish Hall, or via Zoom. Our upcoming groups meet from 12:00–2pm on these dates and with the following topics: November 7, *"Getting Through the Holidays in the Midst of Your Loss"* and January 16, *"Why We Need to Tell Our Loved One's Story."*

Feel free to contact me at (920) 660-8066 for more details about the group or to inquire about support for you or another loved one.

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The theme for the first Sunday is hope. It signifies our earnest hope for the coming of the Emmanuel, Jesus Christ. The gospel this Sunday invites us to stay awake in waiting for the Lord. The second

Sunday invites us to reflect on Love. The love of the Father in sending us His Son Jesus to be with us and to redeem us. The gospel is calling us to repent as we await the Messiah. The third Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. This is a Sunday of rejoicing. We rejoice because the coming of the Emmanuel is near. John the Baptist is calling us to make straight the way of the Lord. The last Sunday of Advent symbolizes peace. It is the peace that emanates from the light of Christ.

The season of Advent is indeed a time for spiritual reflection and renewal. This is a time for prayer and a time to reconcile ourselves with God through the sacrament of reconciliation. We should always remember the words in the gospel of Matthew: *"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* Mt. 25:13.

In Christ,

Holiday Bill of Rights For Those Who Are Grieving

- ♥ You have the right to say TIME OUT, any time you need to.
- ♥ You have a right to TELL IT LIKE IT IS when people ask "How are you?" You have a right to tell them how you REALLY feel, not just what they want to hear.
- ♥ You have the right to SOME "BAH HUM-BUG" DAYS. You don't have to be "Jolly Old St Nicholas" all the time.
- ♥ You have the right to DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. There is no law that says you must always do Hanukkah and Christmas the same way.
- ♥ You have the right to BE WHERE YOU WANT TO BE. Be at home, or at the relatives or with friends.
- ♥ You have the right to have SOME FUN. Don't be afraid of what others will say if they see you laughing and having a good time.
- ♥ You have the right to CHANGE DIRECTIONS IN MID-STREAM. Grief is unpredictable.
- ♥ You have the right to DO THINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES. Go to church, open presents, serve your meal at a different time. Don't be a slave to the holiday clock.
- ♥ You have the right to REST, PEACE, AND SOLITUDE. You don't need to be busy all the time.
- ♥ You have the right TO DO IT ALL DIFFERENT AGAIN NEXT YEAR. Next year, you can change it back, or do things in yet another new way.

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Dinner & Dance

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE COMING

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2022

We are excited to bring you the Second Annual Dinner & Dance sponsored by St. James Church. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Gatherings 43 in Denmark. The evenings lineup will be similar to last year, featuring an all you can eat banquet style chicken and Swedish meatball dinner. The Mark Jirikovec band will entertain us with their music, and Bill Jartz will emcee a live auction. The fundraiser and social event will also include a silent auction, 50/50 drawings, bucket raffles, a wine raffle and other fun games of chance.

It is not too early to make a donation for the live auction, silent auction or bucket raffles. We value the one-of-a-kind handcrafted items, or certificates for merchandise or services you can provide. We will also need bottles of wine for a wine raffle. Finally, cash donations of any amount help to defray expenses and contribute to a successful evening. All donations are very much appreciated. (Monetary donations may be made by placing a check in the collection basket, by mail to St. James office, or by credit card on our website.)

Admission tickets cost \$20.00 and will be available starting in January. Tickets will not be sold at the door. More information will be forthcoming in the church bulletin, and on our website www.stjamesandstjoseph.com.

Lots of volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help in any way before the event, or during the fundraiser, please contact Dawn Rabas, chairperson at 920-680-0660, or email her at dawn@stjamescooperstown.org.

Photos from last years Dinner & Dance



WHY BE A CATECHIST?

Why are you a catechist? What do you love about being a catechist? Father Santy has often said that we don't need degrees in theology to be catechists. We simply need a willingness to share our faith!

We asked our catechists this question and here is what they had to say.

***I'm a catechist because** I want to be someone the parish can count on to help serve in that capacity. It's personally gratifying to talk about Jesus, the bible, and our faith – and apply the lessons learned to the daily lives of grade-schoolers – to let them know God is with them on their journey in this life. It's a challenging time in their lives and I feel I can help them know that we are in their corner!*

- Craig Satori

***What I love** about being a catechist is being able to share my faith. The questions the kids have and the discussions that take place never cease to amaze me. I don't always have all the answers, but I do my best. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, I pray I can lead them closer to Jesus. That is why I teach!*

- Janeen Phelps

***I gain so much** in preparing for lessons. And it's rewarding to see how students can respond to aspects of scripture they perhaps haven't heard or considered before – asking questions, making connections and finding deeper meaning.*

- Anonymous

***It is rewarding** teaching music to children as you see their faces light up and hear their pure simple voices*

giving praise to our Heavenly Father. Last year I played for a wedding where the groom was at St. James Faith Formation for all twelve years. He still remembers some of the songs from music! That's the best!

- Mary Ozarowicz

***I've found that** the (high school) students are open-minded and will share their opinions. These teenagers are more mature than the general public gives them credit for.*

- Anonymous

***I teach the littles** (1st grade and church time). I love watching them get excited about being at faith formation. It is exciting to see their eyes light up as they make the connection with and in their lives. When they recognize me in the community, they make a definite point in seeking me out to talk, which is so cool. These early years are very formative years in molding their faith and it has been a joy to be a part of their formation.*

- Patty Bekkers

***I teach church time** to instill in young children that they are never alone. I want them to know God is always near just waiting to hear about their day. He also loves to listen about any troubles, worries, or hopes they have. I want kids to know God is good and loves them so much. My favorite part of teaching is when their little eyes light up at successfully learning the sign of*

the cross. My heart melts while listening to their beautiful perspectives about the bible stories we read. That is why I teach.

- Jessica Lambert

***I have had the privilege** of teaching primarily the middle school and high school kids for approximately 20 years. I feel that these are critical years in the youth's faith formation. I have tried to provide an environment in which the kids can feel free to ask questions about their faith and be as best prepared to respond to the cultural challenges and very real potential of being rejected or ridiculed for practicing their faith. I have strived to teach the students by example as to how we are all called to be the "eyes, ears, hands, and feet of Jesus as we are called to minister to those we meet." It has always been very rewarding when I witness my former students continue to mature into adulthood and are living their faith and are actively involved in their church and community.*

- Tom Bekkers

***I love teaching** second grade! They have an insatiable appetite for learning, and a genuine spirit of innocence. They want to know everything! I can see on their little faces that they are really trying to understand. I consider it an absolute privilege to share our faith and be part of their faith formation.*

- Traci Hickey



Pope Francis said:

"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out...

PARISH LEADERS

Every parish in the Green Bay Diocese is mandated to have two lay trustees, plus a Pastoral Council and a Finance Council. The people in these positions and councils are leaders who collaborate with the pastor as advisors and consultants.

Beyond that, there are other committees who lead in specific areas. Father Santy tries to attend all meetings.

Listed below are the main leadership groups at St. James. If you are interested in joining any of them please contact the chairperson, or the parish office for more information.

The Current Trustees are:

Jane Hertel, Treasurer
Glenn Steinhorst, Secretary

The Pastoral Council is a body of selected parishioners who consult with the pastor in matters of parish planning. They provide long-range focus for the parish. Committees that report to them are Worship, Board of Education, Youth Ministry, and Social Concerns. Members are:

Bruce Cherney, Chairperson
Glenn Steinhorst, Trustee
Brandon Honnef, Secretary
Frank Roznik
Jean Schleis

Mary Remiker
Jessica Lambert, ex-officio

The Finance Council consists of parishioners who are chosen to oversee accounting procedures and the budget. They assure accurate management, financial reporting, and fundraising. The Cemetery Association and Maintenance Committee report to them. They are consulted for personnel issues and safety concerns. Members include:

Mike Taddy, Chairperson
Jane Hertel, Trustee
Deb Lyons, Secretary
Cheryl Van Rite
Peter Wallerius
Leroy Kane
Melissa Brady
Cathy Ullman, ex-officio

The Board of Education (Faith Formation) committee works with the coordinator on policies, curriculum and scheduling. Members are:

Crystal Arrowood
Char Nysse
Janeen Phelps
Traci Hickey, ex-officio

Members of our **Worship Committee** meet with Fr. Santy and St. Joseph's committee to discuss liturgical procedures, schedules and coordinating liturgies between the two parishes. Members are:

Deacon Dan Gray

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, November 16,
2021

6:30 PM

St. James Parish Hall

- ⇒ Review of the Annual Parish Report
- ⇒ Hear about what's been happening at St. James
- ⇒ Express your ideas and concerns

Monica Winnekens
John Heiser
Leroy Kane
Mary Ozarowicz
Renee Swetlik

The Maintenance Committee oversees the parish buildings and grounds. Members are:

John Heiser, Chairperson
Stephen Honnef
Pat Bradley
Leroy Kane
Bob Remiker
Jerry Schleis
Mike Taddy
Pat Van Rite

CEMETERY WORK DAY

A cemetery work day was held on October 2. About 20 volunteers added ground to low areas, leveled them off and planted new seed. Straw was added, and rain followed. Thank you volunteers!



WHO IS THAT HARMONICA PLAYER? MEET DON DICKRELL

Nearly every Sunday, we as a parish are fortunate to hear soothing, reflective harmonica music following Communion. Many people who attend our weekend Mass and those who “attend” via Live Stream, hum along with the familiar tunes that are played, whether a church hymn, a patriotic tune or seasonal song. That person behind the harmonica is Don Dickrell.

Don came from a family of 16 - 6 brothers and 9 sisters. He has been married to his wife, Ginny, for 56 years. Don has 2 sons, 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Don took an interest in music when he was young and heard his neighbor play the accordion. He liked the sound of old-time music. When Don was 8 years old his

brother got a harmonica for Christmas. He didn't play it very often, so Don took his brothers' harmonica and started playing. Harmonica came naturally for Don and he played “by ear” without written music in front of him.

Today, Don has a case of 18 harmonicas. He acquired 6 of them when he was in the service in Germany. They are different sizes, in different “keys” and some have double reeds which give the tremolo sound.

Don has been playing harmonica at St James for over 25 years. He enjoys music and plays “for the Lord.” He loves to make people smile with his music. The harmonica speaks to the soul often bringing tears to the eyes.



Besides playing in church, Don has also performed at nursing homes, the Chapel in Eaton, Denmark Senior Center, Silver Lake Retirement Home, in bands with Bug Eyes Pete, the CRS Band and the Unbroken Circle.

Over the years, Don and his wife Ginny, have planted and cared for the flower pots outside of church, helped with trimming shrubs, and did some cemetery upkeep. Don was also a door monitor for Religious Education.



NEW ON LINE LEARNING

Introducing...**www.FranciscanAtHome.com** - A rapidly growing collection of excellent Catholic ministry workshops that offer personal formation or leadership formation. Every single parishioner can have unlimited access to these unique online workshops. Hundreds of them are being developed for this platform to spiritually nourish any, and all of us!

Formation workshops are offered as:

- ✦ Part of a ministry certification process
- ✦ Engaging ways for parents to grow in their vocation
- ✦ Ongoing formation and continuing education
- ✦ Enrichment for any role of passing on the faith
- ✦ In-depth content for group discussions
- ✦ Means to develop parish evangelization, social outreach and RCIA teams

The number of workshops is growing all the time and truly provide lifelong learning for everyone. Some topics that are offered now include:

- ✦ A Foundation of Vision: The Community of the Family

- ✦ A Foundation of Vision: The Role of the Laity
- ✦ A Foundation of Vision: Theology of the Body
- ✦ Catholic Social Teaching
- ✦ Christ: His Person and Works
- ✦ Companions on the Journey: Sponsors and Godparents
- ✦ The Father: Origin and Desire of All
- ✦ Engaging Youth Culture
- ✦ Family: Domestic Church and School of Holiness
- ✦ Guide to Loving Parenting
- ✦ Living the Faith as a Wife and Mother
- ✦ Our Life in Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality
- ✦ Parent Saints
- ✦ Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina
- ✦ Sooooo many more!!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Catholic Foundation, there is no cost. Simply go to www.franciscanathome.com/diocese-green-bay to create a free account.

If you have any questions or need help signing up, give Traci a call at (920) 863-2585.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ November 7 Grief Group 12:00 noon
- ◆ November 14 KC Booyah Sale
- ◆ November 16 Annual Meeting:
6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- ◆ November 25 Thanksgiving 8:00am Mass
- ◆ November 28 First Sunday of Advent
- ◆ December 4 Advent Formation
- ◆ December 8 Immaculate Conception


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Saturday, 7:30pm
Sunday, 8:00am; Live streamed on Facebook
- ◆ Reconciliation: 1/2 hour before weekend Masses
- ◆ Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 8:00am
- ◆ Faith Formation: Wednesday evenings
Grades 1-6: 6-7:15pm Grades 7-11: 7:30-8:45pm
- ◆ Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-1:00pm