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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From time to time, as the problems and worries of the moment overpower us, we all find life difficult and discouraging. As the signs of stress and tension become visible on our faces, we sit up and listen to those reassuring and comforting words of Jesus "Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest." Jesus presents himself as the friend and consoler of the weary and oppressed. In the middle of trying situations he seems to invite us to come to him with our worries saying all will be well. This giving of our hearts to Christ implies complete trust and childlike dependence, qualities which are missing in our adult world.

When we were young we spent our childhood days in a simple carefree setting, relying completely on the love of those who cared for us. Growing up

meant casting aside this childlike trust and exchanging it for reliance on material possessions. We have lost our paradise of childhood innocence and as a result find it difficult to cast our cares upon the Lord with the confidence that he will sustain us.

Christ leaves us in no doubt that humility is vital in our search for God. It is not a prized quality in our society where success is measured on arrogance, ambition and ruthlessness and, where the house we live in, the car we drive and the company we keep are indicators of our esteem. The humble person does not have to complicate matters by projecting such a false self-image or deceiving himself with the trappings of grandeur. He realizes that without God he is nothing. Because we are lacking in humility, we are robbed of that inner peace which comes from putting our hand in the hand of God. Humility enables us to let go of

self and make space for God in whom we find our strength.

When we come to Mass on Sunday morning laden down with the problems and troubles of the



past week, Christ meets us at our own level. As we unload our difficulties and sufferings before him, he makes them into an acceptable offering to his heavenly Father.

This gospel speaks to us of the tender personal and human qualities of Christ's love for us. God is full of mercy and compassion and a great comfort in times of sorrow and distress. There is a great capacity for goodness in each one of us, provided we accept the invitation to build up our lives with Christ as our model.

READINGS FOR JULY 16, 2023

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

St. James Church

7:30 pm Sat. July 8 Sun. July 9 8:00 am 8:00 am Tue. July I I Thur. July 13 8:00 am 7:30 pm Sat. July 15 July 16 8:00 am Sun.

- + Patricia "Pat" Valenta and Gary Valenta
- + Living and Deceased members of Chapter 258 Catholic Finance
- + Chris LeFevre Blair
- + Eugene and Elaine Ramesh (Private Mass)
- + Richard, George and Thomas Dewane
- + Ierome Andrew Dewane

St. Joseph Church

Sat.	July 8	4:00 pm
Sun.	July 9	10:00 am
Tue.	July 11	Ipm-6pm
Wed.	July 12	8:15 am
Sat.	July 15	4:00 pm
Sun.	July 16	10:00 am

- + Harry, Dolores, John & Bob Kupsh & Glen Anhalt
- + Judy Muchowski Adoration
- + Charles Geiger
- + Danny Kochan
- + Robert Mleziva

FAITH FORMATION

Our Religious Education teams at St. James and St. Joseph are already making plans for the next school session. Both parishes are in need of



catechists. You do not need to have a teaching degree. All you need is a want to share your faith in God with our youth. If you are interested in becoming a catechist for the 2023/2024 school year, please call your parish office.

Watch the bulletin, our facebook pages and our website for information regarding registration and information for the upcoming school year.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2023

St. lames Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$4,068.00
Online Giving	\$45.00
Loose	\$ 303.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$30,036.06
Bishop's Goal	\$35,902.00

St. Ioseph Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$1,980.00
Loose	\$159.25
Bishop's Appeal	\$10,280.00
Bishop's Goal	\$13,953.00

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY GRIEF GROUP GATHERING

Sunday July 16 12:00pm-2:00pm St. James Parish Hall "The Mourner's Bill of Rights"

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Call Tom Bekkers for the Zoom link or with any questions. (920)660-8066.

Save the date: September 10, 2023 12-2pm St. James or via Zoom "The Impact of the Virtual World on the Way We Grieve" Guest Speaker: Dr. Illene Cupit, Professor Emerita, Psychology UWGB

World Youth Day 2023

Aug. 6 - Save the Date

8AM-5:30PM | Xavier High School, Appleton

Calling all young adults! Can't make it to Lisbon? We're bringing all the joy, fire, and faith from World Youth Day to our diocese!



dynamic speakers · Mass · food truck rally · live band Adoration · Confession · good coffee · and much more!

For more information: www.viayoungadults.org

PHOTO DIRECTORY News

The new Church Photo Directories will arrive soon!

We will post information in the bulletin, on our facebook pages, and our website when you will be able to pick up your copy.

KC'S PEACH & BLUEBERRY SALE

The Denmark Knights of Columbus are having their fundraiser. To order, call or text Jim Wavrunek at (920)680-4095 by July 24. The fruit will arrive Mon. July 31. Please pick up between

12pm - 7pm. at Fairview Pastures 5714 Hwy P, Denmark. Payment is due at pickup.

Peaches (12lbs) - \$33. Blueberries (5lbs) - \$27.



ST. JAMES PARISH

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The committee studying two major church improvements has made decisions. Several quotes were obtained for each portion of the work, and contracts are being written as follows:

 The lift (elevator) will be an Arrow design and Hamann Construction will do all the structural changes inside the church. McMahon Architects will draw up the plans and submit to the state for approval. Electrical and phone hookups will be done by Suburban Electric. It may take six months or longer to begin this work due to the lift availability and contractor schedules. Including a 10% contingency, the cost is projected to be \$78,371.00.

The southwest entrance will be revamped by IEI Construction. The scope of this project includes demolishing and removing the outside

steps and one sidewall, then rebuilding to current codes. Interior and exterior walls will be scraped, patched, painted and then finished with a urethane coating on the inside and epoxy on the outside. The exterior door at the bottom of the steps will be replaced. Work will commence as soon as contractors can begin. This project is expected to cost \$57,235.00 including the 10% contingency.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our summer musicians. We appreciate you taking the time to fill our church with beautiful sounds.

HOLY HOUR

Every Saturday 6:10—7:10 pm

LOOKING FOR CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS!

Our Sexton needs help with various landscaping jobs. We have areas where new grass has been planted and needs watering. There are also various jobs such as weeding, raking and cleaning old headstones. All help would be appreciated. Contact Brandon at: cemetery@stjamescooperstown.org or by phone: (920)360-9356.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Donations for our local Community Cupboards may be dropped off anytime at St. James when the church is open for meetings, or Masses. There is a cupboard in the back of church near the missalette rack to place any non-perishable foods, paper products, or personal hygiene items.

Please remember those less fortunate.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION | July 8 & 9

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thur. July 13 - 6:30pm

ADORATION

Spend 15, 30, 60 minutes or more of quiet reflective time with God during Adoration on Tue. July 11 from 1-6pm. We are using votive candles during Adoration. If you would like to

offer your prayer on the altar during Adoration, please contact the parish office. Donation is \$3.00 per candle.



CARE NOTES

Are you having trouble fitting faith into your busy summer schedule? Want help overcoming anxiety? These and many more topics are in the Care

Note Selection in the entrance to church. If you of someone you know is struggling with something, please visit the display and find a Care Note that might help you or a friend.

SANCTUARY LIGHT AND HOSTS & WINE

Week of July 9 Harry, Dolores, John & Bob Kupsh and Glen Anhalt

ALUMINUM CAN FUNDRAISER

This summer as you have get-togethers please save your Aluminum Cans and bring them to our collection behind church. We continue to collect them for our Faith Formation expenses.



Please remember to not add any garbage to the bags you bring.
Bring all tied bags to the enclosed gate area behind the garage that is located behind our church.