

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2023

St. James + St. Joseph

Cooperstown Kellnersville

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Then
the righteous will shine
forth as the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.

Matthew 13:43

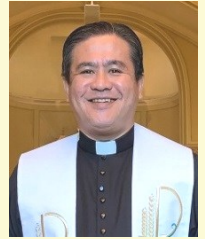
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Gospel story gives us an insight into the life of God whose power is best displayed in leniency and endless patience. He is at all times concerned with the conversion of people but never with their destruction. With him no one is ever written off or considered beyond redemption. His mercy is more urgent than his judgement and his nature is best revealed in his tolerance towards the wayward in our midst. God cares for everybody, but especially for those whose lives are choked by sin. The Pharisees were highly critical of Jesus choosing to break bread and share the company of people who highlighted weakness. By wanting to right the wrongs of society we can easily forget that it is

God's world. He is in control and it is not our business to judge others before he does. It should suffice to know that in the end good will triumph.

The emphasis in this gospel is on exercising patience and showing tolerance until God makes his great gathering on judgement day. In the meantime, as members of the church, we all share the task of revealing the patience of God by forgiving the faults of others. Many of us will find this challenging, as we may be harsh or judgmental by nature. It's all so easy to categorize people and pin the label 'sinner' on them, forgetting how appearances are so often deceptive. This does not mean cultivating an attitude of indifference towards evil. While we must abhor sin we must never stop loving the

sinner. Judging others before God does is a very foolish and risky business. We are weak in many things and have enough to contend with in the swampy patches of our own lives where wild weeds are growing. God has lost ground there and we have no one else to blame but ourselves for sowing these weeds. The good news is that it is never too late for a sinner to turn back to God and be accepted. Weeds can never become wheat, but by the power of God a sinner can become a saint. Let us all be thankful that on the last day we shall be judged by God and not by one another.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

St. James Church

Sat.	July 22	7:30 pm	+ Pat, Francis and Mabel Lyons
Sun.	July 23	8:00 am	+ Living and Deceased members of Shirley and Regie Warpinski Family
Tue.	July 25	8:00 am	+ Eugene Ramesh
Thur.	July 27	Noon	+ Eugene and Elaine Ramesh (Private Mass)
Sat.	July 29	1:00 pm	Wedding of Tami Steinhorst and Jason Nooyen
Sat.	July 29	7:30 pm	+ Clarence & Lavonne VandenAvond
Sun.	July 30	8:00 am	+ Betty and Martin Wotruba

St. Joseph Church

Sat.	July 22	4:00 pm	+ Lawrence & Agatha Lensmire
Sun.	July 23	10:00 am	+ Lloyd Recore & Recore & Pionkowski Families
Wed.	July 26	8:15 am	+ Deceased of Frank & Margaret Kopidlansky Family
Sat.	July 29	4:00 pm	+ John Graff
Sun.	July 30	10:00 am	+ Job Langer

READINGS FOR JULY 30, 2023

Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

MARIBEL FOOD PANTRY

St. John's
Lutheran Church
14333 Maribel Road,
Maribel
Wed. July 26
1:00 - 2:30 pm



ARE YOU A NEW PARENT?

If you recently had your very first child and want to have them Baptized, please call your parish office to sign up for a class. Next class is, Wed. July 26 at 6:30pm.



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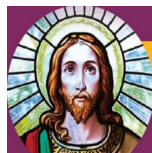
BISHOPS APPEAL - DEADLINE AUGUST 28

You still have time to contribute to the Bishops Appeal to help your parish meet it's goal. When making your donation, please make sure to list what parish it is for.

Send you donation to:

Catholic Foundation/Bishop's Appeal
PO Box 23001
Green Bay, WI 54305-3001

or call: (920)272-8197 or 1-877-500-3580, ext 8197.
or give online at: www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.



2023 Bishop's Appeal
Sharing the light of
Christ

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2023

St. James Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$2,652.00
Online Giving	\$120.00
Loose	\$241.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$31,161.06
Bishop's Goal	\$35,902.00

St. Joseph Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$623.00
Loose	\$204.00
Maintenance	\$280.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$10,825.00
Bishop's Goal	\$13,953.00



PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE

After almost a year in the making, we are pleased to inform you that our church directories have arrived. If you had your photo taken for the Directory by Harmann Studios, or if you submitted a photo, you will receive a complimentary copy. We also have copies available for purchase (\$15.00 each), for parishioners who did not have their photo taken. We will be distributing the directories after each mass this weekend at the main entrance at both St. James and St. Joseph Parishes. If you are a parishioner at St. James, you may also pick up your copy during the St. James Feast Day Celebration this Sunday.

Pictured here are some Hero's from the Fun and Faith program that was held July 17-21 at St. James Parish.



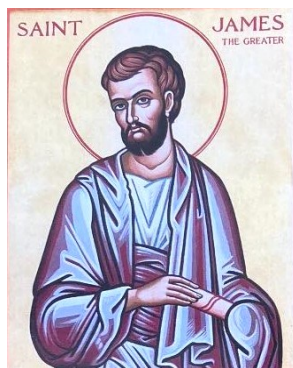
Totus Tuus Camp - Holy Cross Church - Mishicot

July 30-August 3 7am-9pm Grades 7-12

July 31-August 4 9am-2:30pm Grades 1-6

Register at <https://www.saandhccatholicparishes.com> or call (920)973-3803.

ST. JAMES PARISH



FEAST DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY - JULY 23

Help us honor our parish patron, Saint James the Greater by joining us at an outdoor celebration of Mass at the altar in the cemetery at 8am. The Most Reverend Bishop Frank Dewane, our parish son, will concelebrate the Mass with Father Santy. Following the service there will be an outdoor social. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

For information visit the parish website, stjamesandstjoseph.org.

CEMETERY BROCHURES

Did you know that our cemetery was established in 1850? Please be sure to check out our new cemetery brochures in the church entrances. Cemetery History, Facts, Upkeep, Plot Fees, General Rules and more are just some of the information you will find. Pick up a copy today. If you have questions or comments related to the church cemetery, email Brandon: cemetery@stjamescooperstown.org or call (920)363-9536.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Remiker Family for the monetary donation that went towards bushes and perennials in the cemetery by the crucifix. Thank you to Tisch Mills Farm Center for the donation of cedar mulch, and thank you to our Sexton Brandon Wotachek and his family for planting the bushes and perennials.



PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING

Calling all who love to knit or crochet! You are invited to join this special group that makes prayer shawls for parishioners who are facing surgery or experiencing serious illness.

Join us Monday, August 7 at 1pm at St. James Parish Hall. Please note that the date has been changed. All skill levels are welcome, and yarn and patterns are provided for you.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our parishioner who has passed away, and the family and friends who survive her.

Bernita Schenian July 11, 2023

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our volunteers who continue to give of their time during the busy summer months. Our servers, ushers, lectors, musicians, ministers, environmental and social committee, maintenance, lawn care and many more continue to keep our parish thriving and looking beautiful during this time of year.

BAPTISM LEAD COUPLE

We are seeking a married couple who could lead new parents in preparation for their first child's Baptism. This couple will receive training and will meet with expectant parents only four times a year. If you would like to be a part of this preparation, please call or email the parish office.

SANCTUARY LIGHT & HOSTS & WINE

Week of July 23

Sick and Shut-ins of St. Joseph Parish

If you would like a prayer said or you wish to get on the prayer chain to pray for someone, you now have three options.



- 1) Call Jeanette at (920)732-3405
- 2) Email the office stjoseph@tm.net
- 3) Text request to (920)905-5284