

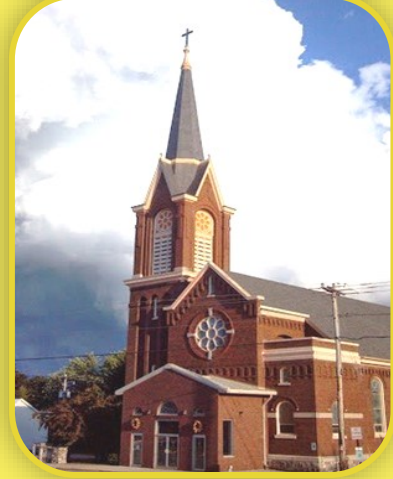
St. James + St. Joseph

Cooperstown Kellnersville



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Mass Times

Mass Intentions

St. James Church

Sat.	Sept. 23	7:30 pm
Sun.	Sept. 24	8:00 am
Tue.	Sept. 26	8:00 am
Sat.	Sept. 30	7:30 pm
Sun.	Oct. 1	8:00 am

+ Reggie VandeHei, Ray & Aurelia Coppens
 + Merlin & Dorothy Cenefelt
 + Bob & Tyler Kane
 + Patricia "Pat" Valenta & Gary Valenta
 + Mel & Betty Graczyk

St. Joseph Church

Sat.	Sept. 23	4:00 pm
Sun.	Sept. 24	10:00 am
Wed.	Sept. 27	8:15 am
Sat.	Sept. 30	4:00 pm
Sun.	Oct. 1	10:00 am

+ Deceased of Lakatos & Siehr Families
 + Deceased of Frank & Margaret Kopidlansky Family
 + Charles Mleziva
 + Schleis, Dirkman, Slegler & Sauer Families
 + Don, Pat & Jerry Weber

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Matthew
 20:16

**The last will be first,
 and the first last.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our picture of God is influenced to some extent by our ordinary way of looking at things and that is why, as we listen to this gospel, we are tempted to react and share the grumble of the workers who have labored since early morning. In human terms it seems a bit unfair that after slaving all day in the hot sun they got the same pay for their efforts as those who were taken on at the eleventh hour.

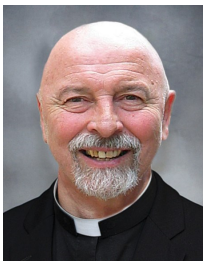
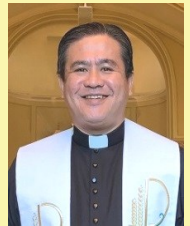
If we get too uptight about the injustice of the situation, we miss the point of the story. The parable is not dealing with equal rights for all, or an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Its main thrust is to show the generosity of God in throwing open the doors of the kingdom of heaven to Gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews. For their part the Jews resented what was happening and envied the good fortune of these late arrivals. After all, they were

God's chosen people and expected preferential treatment.

Unfortunately this selfish and begrudging attitude towards the salvation of sinners is not confined to the Jews. It is sometimes found among people who would regard themselves as devout Christians, yet make comments about eleventh hour and deathbed conversions which are anything but charitable. They cannot accept that after struggling all their lives in the service of God, giving time to prayer, Mass and the sacraments they end up no better off than those who don't bother with religion or turn to God at the last moment. Apart from the fact that nobody can judge how any person stands before God, such an attitude betrays a complete lack of understanding of the Christian mission on earth, which is to bring salvation to all people. Entry into heaven sooner or later, regardless of the date or time, makes no difference because it is given

to all who do the will of God the Father. All who enter ought to be grateful for their own good fortune and should not express displeasure when God's favor is shown to others.

This gospel fills us with an inspiring image of a generous, gracious and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds and whose mercy extends both to those who have labored all their lives in his service and to those who have broken faith but turn to him in their dying hour. Before the Almighty we all stand like beggars and can never boast that we have earned our salvation. Everything we have is a free gift of his love and mercy. We cannot explain his generosity, but one thing is certain - God's ways are not our ways.



REST IN PEACE FATHER RON

Father Ron Colombo, who served as Pastor for both St. James and St. Joseph passed away on Sept. 16, 2023 at the age of 77. Fr. Ron was ordained in Sturgeon Bay on May 14, 1972. His first priestly appointment was at St. Mary Parish and Chaplain of Langlade Community Hospital, both in Antigo. Following that he served at St. Jude, Green Bay; St. Mary, Oshkosh; and St. John, Antigo before becoming pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Appleton. He was then appointed to Holy Family, Marinette followed by St. Mary, Pestigo. Fr. Ron came to St. James,

Cooperstown and All Saints, Denmark in 1993. While there he also became temporary administrator of St. Joseph-St. John, Pilsen. In 2000 he became pastor of All Saints, Denmark and Holy Trinity, New Denmark, while also being temporary administrator of Holy Cross, Mishicot and St. Joseph, Kellnersville. Fr. Ron then became pastor of St. Mary, Glenmore/Stark and St. Joseph, Kellnersville from 2009 to 2014, until receiving senior priest status in 2014. Fr. Ron served the Circle of Faith Churches in the Denmark area for 21 years. He would often describe those years as "some of the best years" of his life. In his retirement, Fr. Ron enjoyed relaxing in his chair with a good book in between cheering on the Wisconsin sports teams. He appreciated "God's creation", fishing and feeding the squirrels. He also like playing cards at the Casino and Rap Poker with the Verkuilens and usually offer his winnings to a family in need. He often reflected he had more time in his retirement to pray for family, friends, and former parishioners. Family and friends often expressed appreciation for his approachability as a priest and clergy within the church. Visitation and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday Sept. 21 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Father Ron will be missed by his family and the hundreds of friends that he made while serving the Lord here on earth. Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos of Fr. Ron may be shared with his family through his tribute page at www.huehnsfuneralhome.com.

READINGS FOR OCT. 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING SEPT. 10, 2023

St. James Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$2,043.00
Online Giving	\$30.00
Loose	\$448.00

St. Joseph Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$936.00
Loose	\$204.00

MARIBEL

FOOD PANTRY

St. John's Lutheran Church
14333 Maribel Road, Maribel
Wed. Sept. 27
1:00 - 2:30 pm

SOLEMNITY MASS -OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

Mon. Oct. 9 - 11 am

For the first time in history, the shrine will celebrate the Solemnity Mass on the grounds of the Blessed Virgin Marys' apparitions in 1859. Join for this moment and all of the weekend events. For info visit: championshrine.org/oloc-solemnity.



COATS FOR KIDS

The Coats for Kids collection will take place Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 at the following parishes: All Saints, Denmark; St. James, Cooperstown; St. Joseph, Kellnersville; and St. Therese, Stangelville. There will be boxes at each parish for you to donate new or gently used coats. Contact Tom Bekkers at (920) 660-8066 for more information.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

Wed. Sept. 27

Grades 1 through 6 6:00pm-7:15pm
Grades 7 through 11 7:30pm-8:45pm

Churchtime

Begins Sun. Sept. 24 at the 8am Mass.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Tue. Sept 26 - 6:30pm

175 YR CELEBRATION MEETING

Wed. Sept. 27 - 6:30pm

For more information contact:

Jane (920)863-6214 or Joyce (920)905-1912.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thur. Sept. 28 - 6:30pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

June (Vanden Plas) Wavrunek
Sept. 10, 2023

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Our raffle drawing will be held this Sunday after the 8am Mass. First prize is \$1,000. A Booyah carry out and a bake sale will be held after mass. If you have Bakery for the Bake Sale, please bring it to church on Sunday morning before mass or contact Dawn Rabas at (920)680-0660.

Proceeds from all three fundraisers will go toward the special projects that will start soon.

FATHER RON MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Fr. Ron Colombo who recently passed away, St. James Parish Leadership people would like to establish a memorial at St. James in his name. The exact designation of the memorial has not yet been determined, but leaders wanted to advise everyone of this impending opportunity to pay tribute to his memory.

Fr. Ron was pastor at St. James from 1993-2014.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

The long-awaited reconstruction of the southwest church entrance is scheduled to begin Mon. Sept. 25. IEI General Contractors from DePere will be doing the majority of the work. The entrance will be closed off until the project is done. Please use our other entrances until then. Thank You!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40-day fall campaign, walking and praying to end abortion continues 24 hrs. a day and 7 days a week. St James is committed to provide coverage at the Oneida St. location Fridays from 4-5pm. You can also walk anytime. Contact Traci at 863-2585 or 418-1933 with any questions.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Class

Wed. Sept. 27: Classes begin at 6:30pm

Church Time

Begins Sun. Sept. 24 at the 10:00am Mass.
October dates: Sunday Oct. 8 & 22

ANNUAL MEETING & RAFFLE

On Sunday Nov 12th, we will announce the winners of our Fall Raffle after the 10am Mass. Following those announcements, we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting. If you have not received your packet of raffle tickets, please call or email the parish office. If you would like to sell more tickets, call Barb at (920)732-3481.

Please return your ticket stubs and money to the locked box in the church entrance or drop them off at our parish office during office hours. You can also drop them in the collection baskets during any Mass.



FALL FUNDRAISER

Sat. October 21

Join us at K-City Pub and Grill from 4pm to 8pm for a delicious meal of Broasted Chicken w/Mashed or Grilled Porkchop, Dumplings & Kraut (both include salad bar).
* Help us spread the news! Tell your friends and family, and pick up a poster in the entrance of church.
* We are looking for dessert donations. These can be brought to K-City Pub and Grill the evening of the event. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entrance.
* Bucket raffle items can be brought to the parish hall days before the event. Be sure to attach your name so we know who donated it.



SANCTUARY LIGHT & HOSTS & WINE

Week of September 24, 2023

Deceased of Frank & Margaret Kopidlansky Family

OCT. IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Respect Life is a "movement" which works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and organize for its protection. There will be a display in the church entrance with a wish list for Incourage. The Incourage organization provides shelter, crisis intervention and support services for survivors of domestic abuse. Please stop by the display and contribute to the wish list if you are able to.

40 Days For Life is a nonstop prayer vigil usually held outside of a Planned Parenthood or abortion facility. This year it is held Sept. 27-Nov. 5. The vigil is held in Manitowoc every Thursday beginning at 11am at S 35th St. and Custer St. A kickoff event will be held at The Crossing, 501 N 10th St. Manitowoc. St. Joseph parishioners and friends are welcome to join in on any Thursday. If you cannot attend – PRAY!

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