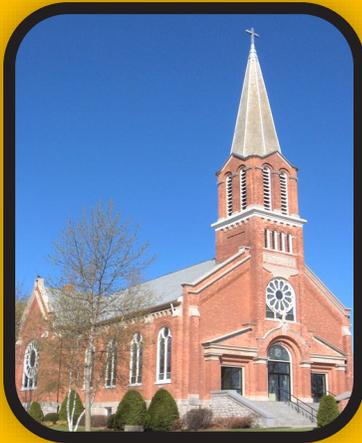


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Mass Times



Mass Intentions

Sat. August 16 4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ Marilyn Muench
Sat. August 16 7:30 pm	St. James Church	+ Luke Watzka
Sun. August 17 8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Eugene & Elaine Ramesh
Sun. August 17 10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Vic Kvitek
Tue. August 19 8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Pam & Jeremy Mittlesteadt
Wed. August 20 8:15 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Ambrose & Evelyn Pionkowski & Recore Families
Sat. August 23 4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ Edward Ebert and all Ebert Deceased
Sat. August 23 7:30 pm	St. James Church	+ August Lindemann
Sun. August 24 8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Joe Wotruba
Sun. August 24 10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Marion & Charles Mleziva

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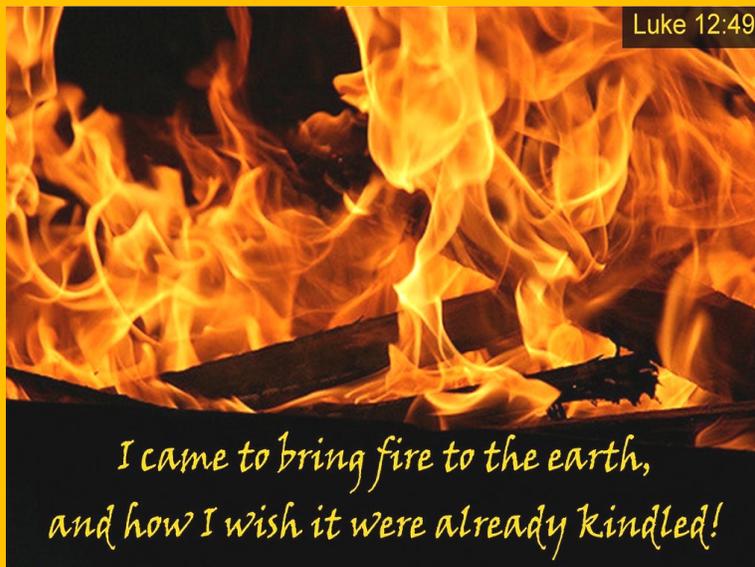
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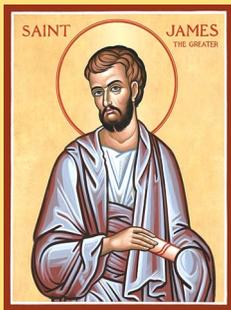
Luke 12:49

*I came to bring fire to the earth,
 and how I wish it were already kindled!*

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SAINT JAMES THE GREATER

Note: This week and next week we will feature our parish patron saints. Next week the article will feature Saint Joseph.

Although much is not known of St. James the Greater's early life we do know that he was born into a family of Jewish fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. His parents were Zebedee and Salome. Salome was a sister of Mary (mother of Jesus) which made James a cousin of Jesus. James is styled "the Greater" to distinguish him from the other apostle James "the Lesser," with "greater" meaning older or taller, rather than more important. James the Greater was the brother of John the Apostle.

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. The Synoptic Gospel states that James and John were preparing to fish with their father by the seashore when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day. Jesus asked them to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after

emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

James, along with his brother John, and Peter, formed an informal triumvirate among the Twelve Apostles. Jesus allowed them to be the only apostles present at three particular occasions during his public ministry: 1) the raising of Jairus' daughter, 2) the transfiguration of Jesus and 3) Jesus agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

James and John asked Jesus to grant them seats on his right and left in his glory. Jesus rebuked them, asking if they were ready to drink from the cup he was going to drink from and saying the honor was not even for him to grant. The other apostles were annoyed with them. James and his brother wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan town, but were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

In time, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the

Greater is known as the first apostle to die. Because he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place, pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.

The feast day of St. James is celebrated on July 25th on the liturgical calendars of the Catholic, Orthodox, True Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran and certain other Protestant churches. The traditional reason why St. James' feast day is held on the 25th of July is the belief that he was martyred on this date in the year 44 AD.

St. James the Greater Prayer

O glorious Apostle, St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our youth/young adults ministry had a busy summer actively participating in their faith and providing faith, hope and charity to those throughout their journeys. This group of faith filled youth/young adults have decided to hold a Bible study once a month. **This Saturday, August 16th** is their first one. This will be held after the All Saints Saturday 4pm Mass. The group will gather in the All Saints library after mass. Food, faith and fun are on the itinerary. This is open to all high school and college age youth. Join them!

MISSIONARY COOPERATION APPEAL

A Missionary will speak at St. James and St. Joseph this weekend during the Mass. Missionaries share the needs and their faith experiences of the people they serve. Missionaries enrich us in our understanding of the problems and challenges of the global church. Our faith is deepened and broadened as we learn from them. The MCP aims to support the mission work of various organizations both locally and internationally through the financial donations from parishes within the Green Bay Diocese. For more information, contact the World Missions Office at 920-272-8192 or email: wmissions@cfgbwi.org.

RAISING VOCATIONS COLLECTION

Households in the GB Diocese should have received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting the Raising Vocations Collection. Please consider making a monetary gift. If you did not receive the mailing, please take a pledge card from the back entrance of church.

READINGS - AUGUST 24, 2025

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 (123C)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP ENDING AUGUST 3, 2025

St. James Parish	
Sacrificial Giving	\$2,719.00
Online Giving	\$1,579.00
Loose	\$258.00
St. Joseph Parish	
Sacrificial Giving	\$818.00
Loose	\$224.00
ACH Support-August 1	\$400.00

NEW BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

If you are planning to have your child Baptized, please call your parish office for more information. The next Baptismal prep class will be held Thursday **September 18 at All Saints Parish.**

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FAITH FORMATION



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A CATECHIST?

Touch Hearts, Inspire Minds, You can make a Difference!

St. James is in need of catechist for grades 5,8 and 9 for the upcoming school year. Please contact Traci for more information. 920-418-1933 or by email: faith@stjamescooperstown.org.

Classes will begin **Wednesday September 10th.**

Grades 1-6 6:00pm-7:15pm

Grades 7-11 7:30pm- 8:45pm

Churchtime for children is held during the 8am Mass and begins Sunday Sept. 7th.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7TH

Our fall fundraiser will be held after the 8:00am Mass and will include a Cash Raffle, Carry-Out Booyah and a Bake Sale. Please return your sold tickets by

Tuesday September 2nd.



LIVE



MASS ON FACEBOOK

Do you know someone that isn't able to get to our weekly Mass? They can now watch St. James masses livestreamed each Tuesday and Sunday morning.

The rosary is always prayed after the mass on Tuesday mornings, so we are also live stream the Rosary. To watch our livestreams, please go to our Facebook page: **St. James Parish Cooperstown.**

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD DONATIONS

Did you know that there are collection shelves in the back entrance of church for Community Cupboard donations? Please remember to think of them when shopping and help our neighbors who are in need.

ALL OCCASION CARDS

Do you need a card for a wedding, birthday, anniversary or a special occasion? Check out the beautiful handmade cards that are available in our back church entrance. They are \$3.00 each with the donation going to our Good Samaritan Fund.



PICTURES AND VIDEOS OF 175TH ANNIVERSARY

If you were unable to attend our 175th Anniversary Celebration, please go to our website to see a photo gallery. You can also visit our website: <https://www.stjamesandstjoseph.org/175th-celebration>, or scan the QR code below. The Mass and the parishioner interviews have been uploaded to the website. There is a list of 39 people that were interviewed, and you are able to select individual segments to watch.



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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

THANK YOU JULIA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julia Ebert for her over six years of service to St. Joseph's parish as a musician. Julia has been a very important part of the music ministry that has taken place on weekend masses. Julia will be going off to college in a few weeks, and I want to wish her the best of luck in her future.



Jeff VanDyke

MASS INTENTIONS

We still have openings for mass intentions for the rest of 2025. The stipend for each intention is \$20. We also have opportunities for you to sponsor the Sanctuary Light and Host and Wine in someone's name. The stipend for these are \$5. each. Please call or email the parish office to schedule your intention.

VISITING VOLUNTEERS

St. Joseph's is looking for Volunteers to visit our parishioners who are home bound or in a Nursing Home. If you would like to visit those who cannot be with us on Sunday's, please join us in this ministry. This would be just one to two visits a month, at your convenience. If interested, contact Jeff at 920-973-3831.

CEMETERY RULES

All summer long, our cemetery committee keeps our cemetery looking beautiful. Please remember to follow the rules to help keep our staff safe as they cut and trim around all of the headstones.

- * The area where decorations are permitted is limited to width of concrete base x 18 inches.
- * No plastic or metal borders - only concrete blocks with flat tops, flush with ground level.
- * No stone, lava rack ground cover - only wood chip cover.
- * No trees, shrubs or bushes
- * No flowerpots
- * Sheppard's hooks must be placed adjacent to the concrete base in front of headstone.
- * Solar lights must be placed adjacent to the concrete base in front of headstone.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

BARBARA LAKATOS

January 7, 1954 - August 10, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT & HOSTS & WINE

Week of August 17, 2025

Ambrose & Evelyn Pionkowski & Recore Families

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