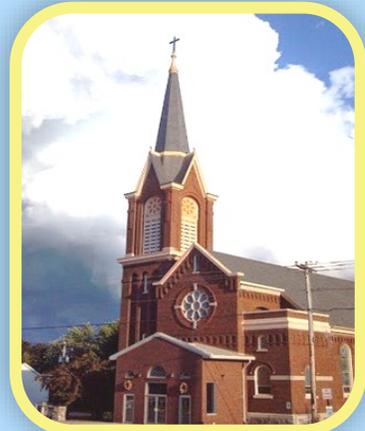


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Mass Times



Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 10	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ John Graff
Sat. Jan. 10	7:30 pm	St. James Church	+ Suzanne Paider
Sun. Jan. 11	8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Francis, Eugene, Frank, Marcella, Don & Cal Rabas
Sun. Jan. 11	10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Glenn Kohlbeck & Kohlbeck & Drab Families
Tue. Jan. 13	8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Bonnie Rosek & Rosek Family
Tue. Jan. 13	1 pm-6pm	St. Joseph Church	Adoration
Wed. Jan. 14	8:15 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Don & Margaret Noack
Sat. Jan. 17	4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	+ Charles & Marion Mleziva
Sat. Jan. 17	7:30 pm	St. James Church	+ Nancy Hruska
Sun. Jan. 18	8:00 am	St. James Church	+ Lucille Dewane Ramer & Fred Ramer
Sun. Jan. 18	10:00 am	St. Joseph Church	+ Louis & Dorothy Resch Family

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GRIEF GROUP Sunday January 11

Held in St. James Parish Hall from Noon to 2pm, this grief group session is designed to foster conversation and meaningful connection among participants. Rather than focusing on one set topic, the group will explore a variety of questions and topics related to grief. For information, or to obtain the Zoom Link, contact Tom Bekkers at 920-660-8066 or by email: tbekkers@centurytel.net.

DENMARK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Monday January 12

Held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from 1pm-6pm. For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Denmark.. Held at 435 Wisconsin Ave., Denmark.



POTATO BAKE SALE Saturday January 17

The youth/young adult ministry's potato bake bar is back!

The sale will be held at All Saints Parish Hall and will begin at 5pm after the 4pm Mass at All Saints. All proceeds benefit the high school/young adult summer service mission to Lake Charles, Louisiana. Please join for delicious food for a fantastic cause.

DOCTORS IN RECITAL Saturday January 24

Enjoy an inspiring evening of music performed by local physicians sharing their musical gifts. This year's concert will benefit the Denmark Community Cupboard, which helps serve local families in need. To purchase a ticket, go to this link: <https://bit.ly/DrInRecital-CommunityCupboard>. For more information please email: denmarkcommunitycupboard@gmail.com.

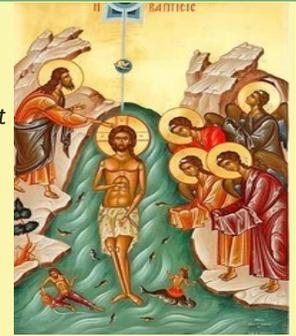
In the case of inclement weather, please call your parish office for any cancellations. Weekend and Holy Day Mass cancellations will also be listed on WBAY-TV channel 2. Faith Formation classes at St. James will be cancelled if Denmark Schools are cancelled.

MARIBEL FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday January 14 12:30pm-1:30pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
14333 Maribel Rd, Maribel

Note: The Maribel Pantry is now part of the Denmark School District Community Cupboard. The distribution date has changed to the second Wednesday of the month.

It was one hundred and one degrees with no shade. It was one of the hottest days I can remember. Forty-four of us pilgrims were gathered at the bank of the mighty Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Across the river, but just a stone's throw and a distance an athletic person could leap, stood the Kingdom of Jordan. The water itself was not clear and pristine, but muddy. I thought to myself, so this is the mighty Jordan River? The Branch River is larger! Yet, another unlikely place for one of the most powerful and loving gifts the Lord Jesus Christ himself gave to us: Baptism. As Father Dennis Ryan led us in a renewal of our baptismal promises, everyone stood still, silent, and in awe. Suddenly the heat beating down was nothing and we could feel the grace of God around and within us. Near us was another group of pilgrims who waded into the water with white garments and were baptized. There was much rejoicing and power in that place. Our group prayed, collected water from the river, and reflected there for about an hour. Nobody really was in a hurry to leave, even to escape the heat.



Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today's celebration is closely connected to the Epiphany, where Christ is revealed to all the nations. Today, our Christmas celebration concludes, and Ordinary Time begins. Yet, just as on Christmas when the Light from Light was born and brought new life in the darkness, with Christ's institution of Baptism and his Father's voice, "This is my Beloved Son!" This is a new beginning for us. New life in Christ. Baptism is the greatest day of our lives. Through it we become children of God, and we are united with Christ's death and resurrection. Our joy does not end when the Christmas season ends but lives on in everyday life as we live our Baptismal faith.

Ironically, not too far from where we stood, the Jordan River feeds into the Dead Sea. The very water that was made holy by Jesus Christ flows into a salty lake that is unsuitable to any form of life. You cannot drink its water. Swallowing even a small amount requires medical attention! The Dead Sea is swiftly drying up and could dry up completely within our lifetime. The life-giving water of the Jordan, once it gets to the Dead Sea, has nowhere to go. There are no outlets from the Dead Sea. It only takes and does not give. The mouth of the Jordan River is dead.

We can take a lesson from nature. Selfishness dries up our spirit. Selfishness kills. In Baptism, we are given new life, reborn and refreshed. But our baptismal character is not to be hoarded and hidden, but its light is to be displayed for all to see. Baptism, by God's grace, commissions us to a life of service in Christ to him and his Church. All other sacraments and graces flow from Baptism. Baptism is a living well within us that provides us the grace to know and love Christ and follow him through his Passion, death, and Resurrection to new life. Jesus Christ, through his Holy Church is life-giving and is the mouth of the river of baptism by which we are reborn. As the New Year continues, nourish your baptism; keep it alive and give yourself in service to the Lord and his Church.

Joy to the Word!

Fr. Brian

Happy Birthday Father Brian
May God's Love and Peace
be with you always. January 14th

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP ENDING DECEMBER 21, 2025

St. James Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$3,197.00
Loose	\$347.25
Online	\$1,020.00
Religious Retirement	\$140.00
Immaculate Conception	\$65.00

St. Joseph Parish

Sacrificial Giving	\$785.00
Loose	\$394.25
Religious Retirement	\$868.00
Immaculate Conception	\$142.05

READINGS - JANUARY 18, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (64A)

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

JOB OPENING

We have a position open for a

BULLETIN EDITOR.

The position starts mid January and may require up to 10 hours a week, onsite or remote. If interested please contact Father Brian at: fatherbrian.sjcsjk2024@gmail.com.



ST. JAMES CHURCH



FAITH FORMATION Wednesday January 14

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

ChurchTime: Sunday Jan. 11 during
the 8:00am Mass

DECORATION CLEAN-UP

Sunday January 11 - 9am
Join us after the 8am Mass to clean-up
and put away our Christmas decorations.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday January 13 6:30pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday January 14 4:30pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

DONALD E. DICKRELL

July 23, 1940 - December 24, 2025

Dinner & Dance

Saturday Feb. 7, 2026

The dinner tickets are now on sale after
weekend masses and at Degrand's family
restaurant, Maribel Diner or in the parish
office.

**Please bring your donations to the
parish office soon so we can enter
your name in the donation booklet.**

ONLINE GIVING

We invite you to consider utilizing an
easy way to offer your support through
our website with online giving. It's fast
and convenient without the extra work
of writing checks and using envelopes.
Try it today at: [stjamesandstjoseph.org/
giving](http://stjamesandstjoseph.org/giving). If you need extra sacrificial giving
envelopes you will find them in the main
entrance of church, or contact Kathy in
our parish office. For more information
on how to register to become a parish
member, please contact our parish office.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jim and Josy
Wavrunek for being voted the Family of
The Month by the Denmark Knights of
Columbus Fr. Platta Council #4735.

Jim and Josy are members of St James.
Jim is a parish trustee and they are both
eucharistic ministers. They assist with
donating potatoes for the youth minist-
ry potato bake and also assist with the
Community Cupboard and pantry with
donations. Jim has also been heading up
the Kwik Trip Car wash car fundraiser.
Thank you for all you do for our com-
munity and St. James Parish.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Annual contribution statements will not
be mailed to every household. If you
need a 2025 contribution statement, call
the office at 920-863-2585 or email:
office@stjamescooperstown.org.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



SEASONS OF FAITH January 18

This is a family and all genera-
tional opportunity to learn and
grow in Faith together. For information,
contact Cathie Lodel: 920-732-3770.

ADORATION

Tuesday January 13

Spend 15, 30, 60 minutes or more
of quiet reflective time with God
during Adoration from 1pm-6pm.
We are using votive candles during Adora-
tion. If you would like to offer your prayer
during Adoration, please contact the parish
office. Donation is \$3.00 per candle.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our volunteers on our
Parish Council, Finance Council, Social
Concerns Committee, Rosary Society,
Worship Committee, Event Committee,
Maintenance, Usher, Server, Lector and
Choir for all of your hard work in 2025.
Your dedication to St. Joseph Parish keeps
our church growing stronger in faith. If you
would like to become part of any commit-
tee, contact our office or speak to anyone
that is involved in any of these activities.

SENIOR BINGO

Tuesday January 13 - 9:00am
Whitelaw Village Hall

Lumen Christi Farm would
like to thank the St. Joseph
Social Concerns Committee
for setting up and promoting
the giving tree to support
our mission.

We are so incredibly grateful
for the most generous dona-
tions that were lovingly
placed under the tree by all those who partici-
pated. We don't know how to say thank you
enough. We promise to be good stewards of
these items, gift cards and monetary donations
as they will help us to be able to share Christ's
light in so many ways during this upcoming
year. May God bless you and we hope you can
come to visit the farm soon!

In the Light of Christ,
Mat and Rachel Langer
(Directors of Lumen Christi Farm)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026

We have many openings
for Mass Intentions for
the new year of 2026. Please consider
offering an intention for a loved one
who has passed away. You can also
offer an intention for a anniversary
celebration or a prayer for someone
who is sick and needs our prayers.
The offering/stipend for a Mass is \$20.
You can offer up to 5 Mass Intentions
per year. We also have openings to
sponsor weekly Sanctuary Light or the
Hosts and Wine. The stipend for
either of these is \$5. Please call the
parish office at: 920-732-3770 to
schedule an intention or other offering.

Attention - Please note new emails

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