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May God's Peace and Love Fill Your Every Thought Each Day!

On behalf of the staff and all the parish families at St. James we extend to you a hearty Welcome to our Community. Here at St. James our motto is "Rooted in the Gospel, Believing in the Future," and our future is brighter than ever. We are a growing parish, which has been blessed with many talents and resources that we want to share with our friends and neighbors throughout this community. We are all God's children and he entrusts us to be stewards to and for each other. So, as you join our family, it is our hope and prayer that the wonderful gifts God has bestowed upon you can be shared with us here at St. James and with all those in our community on the journey here on earth.

So Welcome and we hope to make your experience here both uplifting and joyful.

Peace & Joy, The Welcoming Committee of St. James Parish

Parish Council

The Parish Council works to fulfill the pastoral mission of the parish by nurturing growth among the parish family, sharing spiritual gifts and talents and by encouraging quality relationships among all parish members and the community. After prayerful deliberations, the Council shall be involved in the planning, operating, maintaining and financing of the parish, with a vision for the future and a strong stewardship base. The Council also initiates and supports activities and programs that foster the spiritual, intellectual, moral and temporal well being of the parish.

Sacraments of the Parish

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the parish priest. Those individuals seeking to be married at St. James must be registered, participating members who practice their faith by regularly attending Mass at St. James.

Sacrament of Baptism

It has long been a practice in the Catholic Church for new parents who are seeking the baptism of their child to meet with the parish priest prior to the baptism. The birth of a child is always an occasion for celebration and thanksgiving. At that meeting parents are instructed as to the meaning of baptism, as well as an understanding of the ritual of baptism and the expectations regarding godparents. This meeting between parents and priest has long been a tradition at St. James Parish.

As the number of priests ministering in parishes diminishes and as our own parish continues to grow, parish parents of St. James have been trained to lead and instruct these new parents. The leaders themselves are parents who experience both the joys and the challenges of raising children. They themselves are active members of the faith community able to share the accompanying responsibilities they have come to realize in beginning a family.

Both parents are asked to attend one meeting, which is part of the Baptismal Preparation program. The session will be offered monthly-on the first Saturday of each month. Godparents are not required to participate, but are certainly welcome. Parents are asked to make arrangements for attending the session by calling the Parish Office (262-251-3944).

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month.

Requirements:

Those seeking Baptism for their children must be a registered participating member who practices their faith by regularly attending Mass at St. James and has been a member for 60 days prior to the baptism.

Christian Formation

The mission of the Christian Formation Program is to empower the families of St. James to recognize the uniqueness of each individual person and then to nurture the belief that each person is a child of God. Experiences and programs are offered for children, youth, families and adults to help them grow in faith as Catholic Christians. The programs provide opportunities for participants to explore scripture teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church; participate in prayer, worship and the sacramental life of the church; participate in service opportunities; integrate the Gospel values and Catholic teaching into daily life and to build community and foster parish involvement and leadership for the faith community of St. James through the various volunteer opportunities.

Programs that the Christian Formation Department offers are as follows:

Christian Formation for Children & Youth:

- Preschool & Kindergarten Classes during the Sunday 8:15 am Mass. A time to enlighten the child's understanding of God's unconditional love.
- Grade 1 through 5 Classes on either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. We introduce the children to a personal relationship with God and invite them to be of service in building the Kingdom of God.
- Middle School & High School Classes on either Sunday or Tuesday evenings, which also include social and service opportunities. They are taught how to integrate the teachings of the church into their everyday lives.
- Family & Parents Sessions for special topics.
- Sacramental Formation Sessions and materials to be worked on at home with the family and are offered for children and youth preparing for the sacraments at any age.

Gift

This is the name of St. James' intergenerational religious formation program (Growing In Faith Together). There are two groups of households-with children, without children. All households are welcome to participate whether single or married, with or without children as well as the young and old. We meet 12 (twelve) times a year on Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. Each session includes prayer, a meal, an adult session, breakout sessions for each student learning level and a family activity. Materials are given to each household to reinforce formation at home between sessions. This is an option for families in place of our traditional Christian formation classes.

S.O.A.L. Program

The St. James Older Adult Learning program is offered for six weeks on Fridays in the Fall and again for another six weeks in the Spring. This is an opportunity for adults, fifty and older to learn some new skills and gain knowledge through classes offered that are of interest to them. A variety of classes are offered and some examples would be: wood refinishing, beginning Sheepshead, bridge, exploring other religions, book discussions and so much more. This program has a one-time registration fee that entitles the participants to attend up to four classes each week and includes lunch. This is a great way to get to socialize because the S.O.A.L. people really have a great time. You do not have to be a member of St. James to attend. Watch our bulletin for notification of the next offering, and if you want to be on the mailing list to receive a brochure, please call the CF office at 251-0897.

RCIA

R.C.I.A. stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is available to those who are not Catholic and would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, are married to a Catholic spouse or were baptized Catholic but never celebrated their 1st Communion or Confirmation. Through the RCIA formation an opportunity is provided to ask questions, voice concerns, and learn about the Catholic faith. Clergy and lay leadership will share with you how the people of God work, live and worship together in today's world. This also provides you with an opportunity to get to really know others through conversation, listening and sharing. Anyone who is seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian or would simply like more information can contact the Christian Formation office at 251-0897.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many, many wolunteer Opportunities, which give all, who are willing, the opportunity to grow in their own faith while helping others. Without volunteers the programs could not exist. Please consider sharing some of your time.

Catholic Education

Through a cooperative agreement between selected Parochial Elementary Schools and St. James Parish, parishioners who are interested in sending their children to a Catholic school can do so. Please call St. James Parish office (251-3944) for a list of participating schools.

- What St. James will do for Parochial families:
- We will pay a portion of the non-parishioner fee to participating elementary schools.
- What the parish expects from Parochial School Parents:
 - Parents must agree to a minimum financial commitment to St. James.
 - Parents must sign a covenant identifying the responsibilities committed to by the family.

This will be evaluated on a yearly basis.



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Parish Committees

The following committees meet on "All Committee Night" the first Wednesday of each month.

Building & Grounds

This committee is responsible for the repairs, upkeep and improvements to the facilities and properties of the parish.

Christian Formation Board

The role of this committee is to develop, within the parish, awareness that the parish community has a responsibility for promoting the educational informational aspect of the church's mission. Christian formation is a lifelong process aimed at personal conversion and growth in faith. This committee is advisory to educational administrators and the Pastoral team. The programs they oversee include: sacramental preparation, adult and family ministry, youth and child ministry.

Parish Activities

Members of this committee plan and coordinate the social and recreational events of the parish.

Prayer and Worship

Prayer and Worship are the heart of parish life at St. James. Our God invites us to be a people of praise and prayer who worship Him in all that we do. Our lives then become the gift we bring to our Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. It is here, as a gathered community, that our lives become a gift to God.

We also share our lives as gifts to one another. Our faith community then calls forth Acolytes, the Assembly, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality, Musicians, and Presiders to serve at the table of the Lord. These ministries strengthen the bond, which unites the body of Christ because we become more dependent upon one another in order to fully celebrate the mystery of faith we call the Eucharist. Each person brings his or her own personal faith experience to enhance the Sunday worship experience.

Healing Ministry Network

Here at St. James this title is used to encompass ministries or actions that respond to the holistic (body, mind and spirit) needs of our members and neighbors. It includes our pastoral staff who provide spiritual support, anointing of the sick and the administration of the sacraments. Health Ministry is also part of this network. The parish nurse is the coordinator of this ministry; she helps you to see the connections between your health and faith so that no matter what circumstances you might find yourself in you may experience God's healing love.

Also, it includes parish volunteers/staff who make home or hospital visits and those who bring Eucharist to the homebound.

Finally, it includes the Bereavement Ministry that offers support to members when a loved one dies. Prayer is an important part of this network. We remember those in need in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, and the Intercessory Prayer Team prays for special intentions by request.

Through this network St. James Parish makes a concerted effort to stay connected to those experiencing difficult times.

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Volunteers on this committee provide families with an additional option in planning a meal after the funeral service for family and friends in attendance. Arrangements may be made through the parish priest.

Human Concerns

This committee discerns the need of parishioners and the community, especially the poor, and identifies resources to meet those needs by enlisting the active cooperation of parish members. This committee fulfills the justice dimension of scripture and our church tradition by acknowledging that every Christian is called to service and to work for justice.

The committee supports those in the parish who are already involved in service, advocacy, justice, education and improvement of people. This committee works with community groups and other parishes to help solve related problems.

It keeps parishioners aware of issues relating to justice, peace, hunger and homelessness on local, national and international levels. They seek to determine the appropriate Christian action on such issues.

Liturgy Planning

This committee gives direction to the liturgical aspect of parish life by ensuring that parishioners are provided with opportunities to deepen their faith through a variety of prayer experiences and liturgical celebrations.

Our Parish Staff

Administration

Office Phone #	251-3944
Parish Director:	Deacon Sandy Sites
Main Assisting Priest	Father Dennis Lewis
Deacon	Mike Rooney
Weekend Help-out	Father Jerry Hudziak
Pastoral Associate	Gerry Wolf
Director Administrative Services	Terri Weber
Director Liturgy and Music	Barbara Schuelke
Administrative Assistants	Diana Wyszkowski & Mary Koloske

Cemeteries

Although we as Christians have buried our deceased in many different ways throughout the centuries, we know that our burial practices must always reflect our belief in the Resurrection and our firm conviction that we will continue to live on in Christ, despite physical death.

Each family must decide what burial practices best express their Christian faith and correspond to their grief needs at that moment.

Because we are afforded such great diversity in burial practices and because we need to express our faith as we live it, we strongly advocate preplanning, so that our loved ones will understand and feel comfortable in carrying out our wishes.

Appointments to discuss your pre-need burial options can be made at your convenience. Purchasing your burial needs in advance is why many families prefer preplanning. It relieves the burden for loved ones that are forced to make personal decisions at a very difficult time.

Please call the parish office for more information at 251-3944.

Mass Times

Weekdays Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am in the Historic Chapel

Weekends Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 8:15 & 10:30 am Sunday evening 5:30 pm

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