

ST. JAMES THE LESS CATHOLIC CHURCH

1032 CALEDONIA ST. , LA CROSSE, WI

Pastor

Rev. Roger J. Scheckel 782-7557

Associate Pastor

Rev. Cheriyan Thomas 782-7557

Parish Staff

Secretary - Lynne Ostervich 782-7557
 Parish Fax Number 796-0086
 Coord. of Religious Ed - Donna Walz 782-0011
 Parish Custodian - John Koelbl 782-7557
 Youthope - 1353 Caledonia St. – Susan Swanke 782-1741
 Senior Choir Director - Benedict Nguyen 779-5702
 Parish Music Director - Dawn Pierce 787-5575

Consultative Bodies

Pastoral Council-Chair-Vacant
 Sacred Worship Comm-Chair-Dawn Pierce 787-5575
 Family Life Comm-Chair-Milt Tyler 784-3576
 Education Comm - Vacant
 Representative to Coulee Catholic Schools -
 Margaret Flottmeyer 781-1779
 Representative to Aquinas PTO-Kathy Banasik 781-7799
 Social Justice Comm-Chair-Al Mathews 782-0589
 Finance Council-Chair-Elaine Bonsack 783-1791
 Buildings and Grounds - Herb Bassett 781-4844

Parish Organizations

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)
 President Rita Krueger 782-4658
 Holy Name Society-President-Vacant

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

During the School Year

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

During the Summer Months

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Baptisms

Call the rectory for an appointment.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding. Call for an appointment.

Parish Library Hours

Tuesday - Friday, regular rectory business hours
 (Use rectory front door)

Parish Website

www.saintjameschurch.net

March 19 - March 25, 2007

Weekly Schedule

Mon. March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Patrick & Daniel Haag
 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Tues. March 20

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Shawn McMahon
 3:30 p.m. - Deanery Clergy Meeting at St. James
 6:30 p.m. - Holy Name Society Holy Hour
 7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Society Business Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Wed. March 21

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Special Intention for Providence Parents & Students

Thurs. March 22

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Winifred Hauser
 6:30 p.m. - RCIA
 7:00 p.m. - Deanery Pastoral Planning Presentation

Fri. March 23 - St. Toribio

7:35 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Mass for Alphonse Gandyra
 8:30 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 2:25 p.m. - Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 3:00 p.m. - Benediction

Sat. March 24

7:30 a.m. - Mass for Art & Ruth Colgan
 8:00 a.m. - Public recitation of the rosary
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - St. James Confirmation Retreat at Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 10:00 a.m. PCCW Spring Bake Sale in Murphy Hall
 3:30 p.m. - Confessions
 4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
 4:30 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Frances Apfel

Sun. March 25 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
 7:30 a.m. - Mass for Parishioners of St. James
 8:30 a.m. - CCD
 9:00 a.m. - Confessions
 9:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
 10:00 a.m. - Mass for Edward J. Rodenkirch

READERS - COMMENTATORS

SERVERS - USHERS

Saturday, March 24 - 4:30 p.m.

READER: L. Aylsworth
COMMENTATOR: J. Michuta
MINISTERS: M. Heilman/G. Guanella
USHERS: A. Mathews/G. Heilman
R. Bjorkman
SERVERS: Jacob Alford
Caleb Alford

Sunday, March 25 - 7:30 a.m.

READER: M. Thompson
COMMENTATOR: R. Allen
MINISTERS: D. Randall
USHERS: G. Besl/B. Rudy/R. Greeno
SERVERS: Matt Thompson
Adam Wolfert

Sunday, March 25 - 10:00 a.m.

READER: C. Heilman/B. Stetzer-Shay
COMMENTATOR: M. Craig
MINISTERS: R. Devine
USHERS: J. Koelbl/D. Seufzer
F. Benesh/G. Brauer
SERVERS: Mark Knudtson
Scott Marshall

CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes/Plate	\$6,027.17
Votive Candles	56.00
Youth Envelopes	20.25
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$6,103.42

Feast of Divine Mercy

Lent is a time to stop and examine our spiritual lives through the eyes of Jesus. When He looks in to our souls, does He see Himself reflected back at Him...or not? Because of the effects of Original Sin, we are all sinners and don't always show Him a very holy reflection. Jesus in His great love for His children gave us the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion to help us stay holy for Him. Do we use those sacraments and if we do, do we receive them often and worthily? Even with frequent reception of the sacraments, there is still punishment due for our offenses, but our dear Lord in His infinite mercy, on one very special day each year gives us the opportunity to be freed of all our sins even the punishment due to them. The hearts turn to Him in sorrow and repentance for their sins. This day is Divine Mercy Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, which will be celebrated here at St. James on April 15th beginning at 12:00 p.m. Information on this Day of Mercy is available in the back of church and at the rectory. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this Feast Day that can turn your whole life around with its observance.

Please pray for family members or friends who are being activated for military duty overseas especially remembering Shane Deback and Shane Trussoni.

We Belong To Christ Campaign

The final phase of our Stewardship Campaign has begun. All parishioners are being solicited either personally or by mail. Presently we have received \$81,845.00 in cash donations and \$373,885.00 in pledges. The overall parish goal is \$670,000. If you have not done so, please fill out your pledge card and return it to the rectory.

We have now returned to our parish church. The financial means that is being used to pay for the painting and decorating of our church comes through the "We Belong to Christ Campaign". Hopefully all our parishioners will want to be part of this very worthwhile project. If you have not yet made a donation, please do so. If you misplaced your appeal card, contact the rectory and one of them will be sent to you.

Please make checks payable to *We Belong to Christ*, not St. James Parish. Thank you.

Providence Academy
Pre-K (4K) Open House

Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m., 716 Windsor St.

Come learn about this new educational option in the Coulee region that offers a head start on language and math while providing a fun atmosphere in the Catholic Tradition. Contact us at 784-6167 for more information or visit us at www.providencelacrosse.org

Spring Deanery Meeting

Will be held at St. Peter's Middle Ridge
Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Organ donation with speaker Herb Heili

St. James PCCW Spring Bake Sale will be held Saturday, March 24, 2007 10:00 a.m. - after 4:30 p.m. Mass All donated baked goods can be dropped off at Murphy Hall on Friday, March 23rd from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The La Crosse L'Arche Initiative

We cordially invite you to an informational meeting on a new faith-filled, community initiative to establish an Adult Family Home for people with developmental disabilities. It will take place on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., in the Undercroft of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. A light supper will be served at 5:15 p.m. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 15, to Sue at 784-8122 or shg@centurytel.net. Enter the building through the west side doors off the parking lot. The L'

Arche Initiative of LaCrosse exists to create a Christian community, rooted in the Beatitudes, which supports and protects the dignity of persons with disabilities.

A special thanks to Ray Flynn who made the kneeling cushions that are now being employed in the sanctuary. Our servers in particular appreciate Ray's sharing of time and talent with our parish.

11th Annual Neighbor's Day

You are encouraged to become involved in Neighbor's Day when help is given to senior citizens or disabled persons. This help can range from raking the yard to washing windows. Join in on Saturday, April 21st at City Hall. Registration 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Lunch served from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Weekly Readings March 19 - March 25

Monday - 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Tuesday - Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16

Wednesday - Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30

Thursday - Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47

Friday - Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday - Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday - Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11 or Ez 37: 12-14; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

ST. JAMES CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Mar. 12 Dona Michel	\$20
Mar. 13 Marianne Paulsen	\$20
Mar. 14 Wendy Amidon	\$20
Mar. 15 Peggy Anicka	\$20
Mar. 16 Lucy Mulder	\$40
Mar. 17 Kathy Bertolas	\$250

We extend our condolences to the families of Bill Craig and Kathleen Coady who died this past week. May they rest in peace.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of the flowers that decorate our altar on Easter Sunday please complete this form and return it (to the rectory) with a check payable to Saint James Church.

Your Name _____

Amount enclosed _____ (minimum of \$5.00)

In Memory of _____

Church Cleaning Schedule

March 24 - K. & B. Guggenbuehl/M. & D. Heilman

March 31 - S. Kiesling/M. Horton/K. Weibel

The Diocese of La Crosse annually honors those married couples who will be celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary. If you are such a couple celebrating your 50th during 2007 make it known at the rectory so that your name can be forwarded to the Diocese. Thank you.

Lenten Spirituality Series

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe presents Father Sam Martin with a series of conferences on the Saturdays of March ending with a Spirituality Day on March 31st. While attendance at all the conferences is recommended, each conference can stand on its own merit. All conferences begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately one hour. The regularly scheduled celebration of Holy Mass follows at 11:00 a.m.

March 24: *Live in the Spirit*

March 31: Spirituality Day

(conference + lunch + donation to Father = \$15.00)

9:30 a.m. - Examination of Conscience, Confession and Penance

11:00 a.m. - Celebration of Holy Mass

11:45 a.m. - Lunch

12:30 p.m. - Confessions and Personal Prayer

2:00 p.m. - Final Conference

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Call for reservations or for more information at 782-5440.

Blood Drive

This is our last weekend before our blood drive at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Thursday, March 22, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please check the insert for helpful information.

Only 5% of the eligible population donates blood, so please consider taking time to save a life.

Call Trudy at 783-3095 for an appointment.

Catholic Holy Land Pilgrimage

Father William Felix, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Chippewa Falls and our own Father Roger Scheckel, and Christopher Cross are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 21 - November 1, 2007. The total price for this trip is \$2,750 per person, which includes round trip air from La Crosse, Eau Claire, Wausau or Mpls., hotels, breakfast, lunch and dinners daily and all entrance fees. Visit all the holy sites and celebrate Mass daily as we visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Cana and Mt. Tabor. More info available at the rectory. Call 1-800-435-2964 for a registration form.