

Southern Moraine Parishes

ST. JAMES THE LESS, MUKWONAGO
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE, EAST TROY
ST. THERESA OF AVILA, EAGLE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 10, 2024

WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JAMES, MUKWONAGO

Saturday: 4 PM

Sunday: 7:30 & 10:30 AM

ST. PETER, EAST TROY

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

ST. THERESA, EAGLE

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

ST. JAMES, MUKWONAGO

Wed, 6 PM & Fri, 8 AM

ST. PETER, EAST TROY

Tues, Thurs & Fri, 9 AM

ST. THERESA, EAGLE

Tues & Thurs, 8 AM



ST. JAMES, MUKWONAGO

Reconciliation:

Wed, 5:00-5:45 PM & Sat, 3:00-3:30 PM

Adoration:

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM

ST. PETER, EAST TROY

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 9:00-9:30 AM

Adoration:

Tuesday, 9:30 am-6:00 PM

ST. THERESA, EAGLE

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:45-4:15 PM

Adoration:

3rd Thursday, 4:30-6:15 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT
CAME INTO
THE WORLD.

JOHN 3:19



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For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

Brothers and Sisters in Christ –



During this Lenten season St. James will be hosting a 40 Hours Devotion for our parishes beginning on Wednesday March 20th at 8 a.m. and ending with the 8 a.m. Mass on Friday March 22nd. What a great opportunity for our three parishes to embrace the great gift of praying before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration for more than 40 straight hours...even through the night! In preparation I offer you the following insights into this beautiful devotion from a former bulletin article I wrote in 2022.

Why Adoration? An important question! But not a simple one. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the very body and blood of

Jesus, the fullness of His presence. The first thing that we learn about God in the Bible is that He creates. In Genesis, God says, **“Let there be light,”** and there was, and it was good. God says, **“Let there be the sea and the stars and the sky,”** and there was, and it was good. God says, **“Let there be man and woman,”** and there was, and it was good. We also believe that Jesus is no ordinary man or simply a prophet. We believe that He is God, the second Person of the Trinity. Why? Because He told us He was! And we believe that He was who He says He was. Over and over again in the Scriptures He reveals His divinity. He said things like, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me.” He forgave sins, something reserved for God alone. For many, what He was saying was blasphemy. This is the reason that they crucified Him...for blasphemy...which was punishable by death. Because Jesus was divine, He too has power over creation. We see it in the many miracles that He performed. When He approached the blind man and said, **“See!”** what happened? The blind man regained his sight. When He approached those who were deaf and said, **“Hear!”** what happened? They could hear. When He approached those who were lame and said, **“Rise and walk!”** what happened? They arose and could walk. As God, He has the very same power over creation. In the same way, when He took mere bread, broke it, and prayed over it saying, **“This is my body. Take and eat,”** what happened? It mysteriously became his Precious Body. And when He took mere wine and prayed over it saying, **“Take and drink, this is my blood,”** what happened? It mysteriously became his Precious Blood. The Eucharist is a new creation that He gave us so that, even though He has now ascended to the Father in Heaven, He is still made present to us body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. Out of love and devotion to the Eucharist, a prayer that has been a part of our tradition for centuries is something known as “adoration.” During adoration, the Eucharist is removed from the tabernacle and placed in a golden receptacle, known as a monstrance. Monstrance comes from the Latin *monstrare* which means “to show.” The Lord is being shown to us, made present to us in His fullness, and in His presence we adore Him.

Why 40 Hours? 40 is a biblical number. We see it everywhere in the Scriptures. For example, the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before they reached the Promised Land. Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days and nights as He began His ministry.

What do I do during an hour of adoration? This one isn’t as easy to answer. An hour is a long time! It definitely takes love and perseverance! There are many different things to do. First, spiritual reading before the Lord can be a great thing to do during this hour of prayer. Perhaps recitation of the rosary. Perhaps calling to mind all the people that you desire to pray for. Also, be sure to talk to the Lord about your life. What brings you joy? What brings you sorrow? Talk to Him! He is your best friend...He loves you...He always walks with you. You are never alone. There is a great story of a priest who saw an elderly man who came into the Church every day and sat in the pew. The priest went up to Him and asked, “What is it that you do every day when you sit in the pew?” The man responded, “I look at Him, and He looks at me.” Even that is a powerful prayer.

When I was a boy, I have fond memories of participating in 40 Hours devotion. We would sometimes go in the middle of the night. The experience of waking up at 2 a.m. and driving to Church with over a foot of snow on the ground is burned into my memory. Those silent moments in the Church with Jesus while the rest of the world is sleeping are so so sacred. I encourage you, make use of this powerful devotion! Sign up for an hour! Bring your family. Perhaps come in the middle of the night! We thank the Lord for His love for us, for the gift of His presence in the Eucharist.

We look at Him, and He looks at us.

God bless you all,
Fr. Jordan

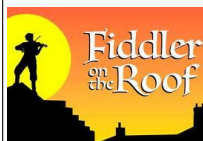
“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell Him of your miseries, fears, worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart.” – St. Damien of Molokai

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS



In preparation for the next international Synod on Synodality, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be holding two listening sessions covering the theme of the relationship between laypeople and the ordained, to which all are invited. A summary of these sessions will be compiled and submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To register for a session, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yfvsthfj>.

Fiddler on the Roof at the Fireside Theater



The Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson is proud to present a brand new revival of one of the most popular shows in our history. The show’s universal theme touches everyone, leaving audiences crying tears of both joy and sadness. Including such iconic songs as “Sunrise, Sunset,” “If I Were a Rich Man” and “Matchmaker, Matchmaker,” Fiddler on the Roof is the perfect mix of audience-pleasing humor and heart. Thursday, April 4, Cost \$110 per person. 4:00 pm: board bus & depart St. James. 5:30 pm Buffet Dinner, 7:30 pm show begins. Deadline for reservations: Monday, March 25. Visit St. James Website: www.stjamesmukwonago.org to get your tickets or contact Keith Fisher, (262) 347-6454.

A Day of Healing Beyond Divorce

Whether you are still in the process of divorcing, or you have been divorced for years, this day of healing is offered to all. Explore divorce in a deeper, gentler way, including presentations that guide you in a relationship with yourself, with God, and with others. Saturday, April 20, 2024, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM at Schoenstatt Sisters Retreat House, W284 N698 Cherry Ln in Waukesha. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Adults only please. People of all faiths are welcome! Pre-registration required: archmil.regfox.com/dayofhealingregister. Registration deadline, April 15. Questions? Contact Edell Schaefer, ballintra@wi.rr.com.

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, March 28

7 PM: St. Theresa & 7 PM: St. Peter

Good Friday, Passion of the Lord, March 29

3 PM: St. James & 3 PM: St. Peter

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30

8:30 PM: St. James

Easter Sunday Masses, March 31

7:30 AM: St. James

8:30 AM: St. Theresa

9:30 AM: St. Peter

10:30 AM: St. James

THE SEASON OF LENT

Stations of the Cross

St. James: All Fridays during Lent, Noon & 7 PM.

St. Peter's: All Fridays during Lent at 3 PM.

St. Theresa's: Following 8 AM Mass,
Tuesdays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross for Families!

Come share this favorite Lenten tradition with your children on a drop-in basis. Using a family-friendly booklet, you and your children will visit the stations on your own. Reflections are written to be relatable for all ages. Held at St. James Church: Tuesday, March 19 and Thurs. March 21 between 4:15 and 6:15pm. Drop-in any time after 4:15pm. Allow about 20 minutes to complete.



40-Hours Devotion

40-hour Eucharist Adoration will take place from 8 AM on Wed, March 20 through 8 AM Mass on Friday morning, March 22 at St. James. Pope Benedict said: "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host...it is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." Mark your calendars to come receive the love and forgiveness of God.

12 Hours of Reconciliation

Lent is the perfect time to receive the graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Receiving this sacrament will set the tone for your Easter celebration. Reconciliation is available several times a week at our three parish locations, see the bulletin cover for exact times. St. James is one of the host sites for the Archdiocesan 12 hours of Reconciliation on Wed, March 20. We will have multiple priests available from 8 AM to 8 PM. There will be examination of conscience and prayer cards available to help you prepare. Find a list of churches that are offering 12 hours on Reconciliation by visiting this link: <https://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice>

Rice Bowl: Overcoming Hunger

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately, the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Donate to CRS Rice Bowl online through the St. James website or bring in your filled Rice Bowl to Easter Mass. 25% of your 2024 Rice Bowl gifts will be used by our parish St Vincent De Paul Conference to help stamp out hunger locally.

Young Adult Gathering

The Southern Moraine Catholic Young Adults will be gathering for Lenten Renewal prayer & reflection on Sunday evenings in Lent. Questions? Please call 262-363-7615.

FISH FRY AT ST. PETER'S: MARCH 22

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

Baked or fried cod, fries, coleslaw and bread for \$12. Dine in or carry-out. Dessert available for purchase.



ST. PETER'S:

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is in need of a few people to help during our parish activities to help set up, clean up and help cook. Please call Joan Duncan at 262-470-3842.

Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes have returned to the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your 2024 contribution envelopes, please stop by the Parish Office during regular office hours. If they are not picked up by April 30, your name will be removed from the envelope list and you will not receive envelopes next year.

Box of Bags

Thank you to all who donated excess plastic bags to St. Peter's! Once we collect 1,000 lbs., a bench will be made after they are recycled. Please continue to collect and drop them off. The box is in the entrance way to the public restrooms in the parish office building. Thank you to all who donated and keep up the good work.

ST. JAMES'

SVPD Reverse Collection

If you missed the reverse collection, there are still tags in bowls in the Narthex and Commons. Please choose a tag, purchase the items listed and bring them to church the following weekend (or some time before March 24th) or donate cash or gift cards for Metro Mart, Walmart, or Aldi. Baskets will contain a ham, fresh fruit, eggs, bakery, and many non-perishable food & household items. If you or someone you know needs a basket currently, call Rene at the Parish Office at 363-7615. We'll need the family's name, address, phone number and number of adults and children. All requests remain confidential, and delivery can be arranged. Each basket will contain some homemade bakery. If you would like to bake something for the baskets, it would be very much appreciated! Just bring your items to the Activity Center on Palm Sunday, March 24th by 10 AM. We thank you for the generosity you always show for those in need.

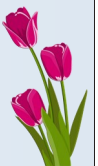
ST. THERESA'S:

Baked Goods Needed

We are looking for home baked treats (cupcakes, muffins, cookies, etc.) to share and enjoy during fellowship after Mass. We are also in need of volunteers to help host weekly fellowship. Please sign up on the sheets that are located on the announcement board in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Mary Pratt (414) 581-2917 for additional information.

Easter/Spring Memorial Flowers

We invite you to donate an Easter/Spring plant in memory of a special person this Easter season! When collecting memorial decorations for loved ones, the funds are not only used for blooming plants now; they ensure our environment is kept fresh and updated all year long! Order forms can be found in the vestibule and can also be downloaded on our website under the Sacramental Life tab. Forms are due March 18. Call the parish office with any questions.



Eagle Community Blood Drive

The Eagle Lioness Lions will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Eagle Municipal Building, 820 E. Main, Eagle, on Monday, March 25, 2-7 PM. bit.ly/eaglemar2024 or call 877-232-4376. Donors will receive a free pet bandana. Please help save a life!



ST JAMES THE LESS ACADEMY

Save The Date

Auction & Gala Dinner 2024:

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& CATERING FROM THE UNION HOUSE

MAY

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MUKWONAGO, WI 53149

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St. Peter's School in East Troy is now enrolling grades K3-5th Grade for the 2024-2025 school year for both private pay and School Choice families. Please contact the school office at school@stpetersschool.org or 262-642-5533 for more

information or to schedule a tour. We look forward to showing you why our school is special and welcoming you into our St. Peter's Family!

MAKE EVERYDAY SPIRIT DAY!

Visit St. Peter's Spirit Wear Store to purchase tees, hoodies and more! Fast home delivery, free shipping on orders over \$75. Choose from 150+ designs. Order at 1stplace.sale/101923.



LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

For our Lenten Service Project, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals to donate to East Troy Police Department and First Responders. Our collection will go from March 1-27. Please drop off the NEW stuffed animals in the school office. Contact the school office with any questions at 262-642-5533.

SUMMER 2024



**DARING GIRLS
DANGEROUS BOYS
DAY CAMP @
ST JAMES THE LESS
ACADEMY**

JUNE 24TH - JUNE 28TH \$300 (W/ SHIRT & FRIDAY PIZZA)

2ND-8TH GRADE; 9 AM-3PM MUKWONAGO, WI

✓ HIKING	✓ STRATEGY & TACTICS	✓ OBSTACLE MAZE	✓ OLYMPIC GAMES	✓ TEAM BUILDING
✓ FISHING	✓ SURVIVAL SKILLS	✓ CAPTURE THE FLAG	✓ SPORTS	✓ AND MORE!

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St. Peter's School Presents

Our Fine Arts Night Musical

Kid Flix

THURSDAY MAY 2 AT 5PM

RAFFLES | SILENT AUCTION | CONCESSIONS 5-6PM | PERFORMANCE 6PM

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00 PM, ST. JAMES † Ralph & Helen Sargeant
4:30 PM, ST. THERESA † Steve Kezman
5:30 PM, ST. PETER † R. J. Helbling

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 AM, ST. JAMES † Andy Fix
8:30 AM, ST. THERESA † Richard Peardon
9:30 AM, ST. PETER Parishioners of Southern Moraine Parishes
10:30 AM, ST. JAMES † Gregory Van Leirsburg

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 PM, ST. JAMES † Richard "Rick" Gregorski

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM, ST. THERESA † Elaine Potrykus
9:00 AM, ST. PETER † Bud Krause

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:00 PM, ST. JAMES † Tom Mc Adams

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM, ST. THERESA † Harry Erbs
9:00 AM, ST. PETER † William Hondel

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM, ST. JAMES † Tom Mc Adams
9:00 AM, ST. PETER † Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00 PM, ST. JAMES † Ed Wargin
4:30 PM, ST. THERESA † Eugene Walters
5:30 PM, ST. PETER † Olga Kugach

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 AM, ST. JAMES Parishioners of Southern Moraine Parishes
8:30 AM, ST. THERESA † Andy Troiola
9:30 AM, ST. PETER † Lorelei Schneider
10:30 AM, ST. JAMES † Daniel & Katherine Flaherty

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn
4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33