



St. James the Greater Parish Life Newsletter

Fall 2013

The Pastoral Report 2013

By Father Nolker

As we brought another “activity year” to a close on June 30, it was amazing to recall all the things that happened in the last 12 months.

Church Renovation

The completion of the church renovation is probably the most noticed and the most significant. May 11th was a great day as we returned to the church for prayer. And it was on schedule! I’ve heard people say things like, “I didn’t think it would be possible but it’s done and it’s beautiful.” While committees oversaw the planning and the day-to-day work, this is an accomplishment of the whole parish. Without the support of hundreds of families, this would not have been more than a dream.

When we began the fund drive for this project and the new school windows, nobody expected that we would get pledges totaling about \$750,000 on one Sunday in December. Nobody expected that we would reach the drive’s goal of 1.5 million dollars before Spring began. We achieved that because hundreds of families pledged \$1620 over three years. There were larger gifts and some smaller gifts. Some people could only give their emotional support. My point is that there was involvement from a very wide spectrum of parishioners. This renovation happened because the parishioners wanted it to happen.

Throughout the work in the church, we found people sneaking in past the “Do Not Enter” signs to take a look. Every week there were questions about how things were going. As pictures were posted on the parish website, the interest just intensified. All this shows that it really was a work of all the people in the parish.

School Improvements

The second part of the fund drive was for the new school windows in the older parts of the building. This project began with the cafeteria windows being replaced last year and was completed this summer. We also installed new doors on the Hubble Road entrances that will be more secure. New surveillance cameras were added to the school as part of the security upgrade, too.

While not part of the capital campaign, the art rooms of the school got a total remake this summer through the generosity of the Panther Prowl done by the school.

New Staff

In the last year we welcomed three new staff members and another got a new job. **Father Tozzi** joined us last July 1. He has been busy with the full range of priestly work, and being involved with the rest of the staff on projects.

Mrs. Hayes became our Director of Religious Education. For a full year we did not have anyone in that position. The vacancy occurred at the beginning of the previous school year and I waited a year to fill this position because it’s hard to hire people who have committed to jobs in other parishes. In addition to learning about the parish, Mrs. Hayes has spent the year introducing a new text books series to the religion classes in school and PSR. She continues to strengthen our religion programs for the children.

Related to the Religious Education program, Mrs. Hayes has been able to reestablish a ministry program for high school students. After just a few months, there are 25 young people involved in social activities, outreach programs and in the future there will be more specifically religious events. Maybe you saw them running the bakery booth at the festival.

Pope Francis spoke at the World Youth Day about the danger of isolating young people from the rest of parish life. He said it deprives the rest of us from energy and deprives them of the validation for their faith journey. While not part of the high school ministry, I want to mention that we added 10 eighth graders to our list of Communion distributors and 4 eighth graders to our list of readers for Mass this year. At the same time we added 3 high school distributors and 2 readers. The number of members in the youth choir and young cantors is also increasing. Our young people continue to be involved in the full parish and that is a blessing for all of us.

Deacon Gregg Rose joined the staff as Pastoral Associate, a position that had been vacant for six months. He has focused on ministry to the homebound, adult faith formation and the RCIA. The RCIA was a blessing that took a lot of his time because of the number of people in the process. We never had 16 people in the process before! He has established an adult faith committee to help him select programs for the future. His area of concerns just keeps expanding all the time.

This spring I appointed **Mrs. Michelle Hinton** to be the principal of our school. Mrs. Hinton had been our assistant principal. She continues the innovative program begun in the last few years to implement a stronger team approach to teaching across subject areas as well as introducing new curricula in several areas. **Mr. Fulmer**, our new assistant principal, and she have worked very hard to stabilize our enrollment as much as possible in a context of declining numbers of potential students.

As I said, it was a busy year. All of the regular things of parish life went on with all these “special” things, too. It was a very good year for all of us.

Pastoral Report Statics

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

General Statistics

2115	Registered households	34	Infants (<i>under the age of 7</i>)
6708	Registered individuals	9	Adults (<i>age 7 and above</i>)
287	newborn to age 6	8	Persons received into the Church by profession of faith
717	age 7 to 14	1	Children (<i>under the age of 7</i>) received by the profession of parents
778	age 15 to 20	7	Adults (<i>age 7 and above</i>)
1335	age 21 to 35	66	First Communions
1203	age 36 to 50	50	Children (<i>2nd grade</i>)
1253	age 51 to 65	16	Adults (<i>age 7 and above received into the Church</i>)
681	age 66 to 80	122	Confirmations
285	over age 80	106	7 th grade students
58	New households this year	16	adults (<i>age 7 and above received into the Church or never confirmed</i>)
47	Families deleted from the census	2	Weddings
1152	Number of all families contributing financially in the year	2	With both parties Catholic
326	Number of school families contributing financially in the year	0	With one party Catholic
1436	Individuals participating in Sunday Mass (<i>2012 October count</i>)	51	Opportunities for confession (<i>excluding penance services</i>)
60	Average participants at weekday Masses	4	Penance Services
31	Children participating in CLOW (<i>weekly average</i>)	2	For whole parish
25	Members involved in the High School Youth Ministry	2	For school and PSR students

Sacramental Celebrations

665	Masses celebrated (<i>excludes weddings and funerals</i>)	20	Individuals receiving communion at home weekly (<i>average</i>)
212	Sunday masses	198	Individuals receiving the Anointing of the Sick
453	Weekday masses	83	privately
24	Funerals	115	at Sunday Mass in September
43	Baptisms	10	High school leaders for Confirmation retreat

Other Prayer Services/Liturgies

51	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6	Lenten Devotions (<i>Way of the Cross, Taize, etc</i>)
312	Marian devotions (<i>includes prayer services, rosary before morning mass, etc.</i>)
1	Evening Prayer (<i>Sung from the Liturgy of the Hours</i>)
2	Morning Prayer (<i>Sung from the Liturgy of the Hours</i>)

34	Participants in the Pre-school religious education program
50	Families participating in the First Communion/First Reconciliation program
106	Families participating in the Confirmation preparation program
1	Catechists certified by the Archdiocese (<i>total from basic through advancement to permanent catechetical leader certified this year</i>)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

9	Catechumens (<i>persons not baptized</i>) participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
7	Candidates (<i>persons baptized in another denomination</i>) seeking membership in the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Other Ministerial Activities

49	People visited in the hospitals
28	People visited in the nursing homes
20	People visited who are homebound
415	Participants in liturgical ministries
131	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
23	Adult Choir
11	Adult Ensemble
5	Adult Cantors
3	Young Adult Cantors
15	Youth Choir
7	Adult Handbell Choir
52	Readers
44	Servers
53	Ushers
48	Bereavement Ministers
23	Children's Liturgy of the Word leadership

Educational Programs

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

643	Students in the parish elementary school
388	Families with students in the school
36	Students in the parish PSR program (grades 1-8)
25	Families with students in the PSR program

Social Outreach

The **Giving Tree** in Advent 2012 generated over 1000 Christmas gifts for those in need. They were shared with families in town and in the missions of Kentucky sponsored by the Glenmary Sisters.

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help families and individuals in our local area with short-term, immediate needs. The number of requests continues to increase and the parishioners' generosity has been able to meet most needs. Some people are referred to the St. Vincent de Paul offices on Bank Street for greater assistance and for long-term help.

The **Loaves and Fishes** food collection happens twice a year. This benefits the Mercy St. John Social Service Center at Findlay Market. Again this year, the parish's generosity provided a large amount of food and financial help.

The **Circle of Care** was reconstituted after the parish renewal efforts a few years ago. It hasn't received many calls for help. This group exists for one-time or short-term help with things like meals or the occasional transportation need. It continues to study how to hone its mission and effectiveness.

In addition to these major efforts, other parish groups (e.g., the school, the Fathers' Ministry, etc.) supported those in need with their specific programs.

Youth Ministry

This year another dimension to our youth ministry was added. The High School Youth Ministry began and currently has 25 participants and the number is growing. They will be involved in faith formation, social outreach and social activities. This group joins the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and the teams sponsored by our Athletic Club in providing a broad range of youth ministry in our parish outside of school. Of course, the Catholic Church considers its grade schools, high schools and parish religious education programs for those attending public schools as the most important youth ministry efforts.

A Financial Review

By Finance Council

The 2012/2013 fiscal year for the parish closed on June 30. This year Sunday giving showed a \$13,900 increase over the prior year. Sunday collections totaled \$1,165,480. The average contribution of the 1,152 giving families was \$995, up about \$40 per household over last year. Despite these positive things, we were \$70,000 under what had been budgeted as income from Sunday collections. The parish ended the year with a \$79,000 surplus. One factor contributing to the surplus was reduced maintenance costs from the utilities contracts. The other major reason was the savings on health insurance compared to what was budgeted. Had we not had these unexpected savings the parish would have had a deficit.

Again this year, in an attempt to more accurately account for the cost of operating our school, we have made the following adjustment to the financial statements presented below. Portions of parish office staff salaries and benefits have been allocated to the school to cover cost of the accounting, payroll processing, tuition collection and other services performed by the parish staff for the school. This was done as a percentage of revenue from parish to school. Also \$15,000 is allocated to the school for their use of the parish gym and church hall. This adjustment was also made in the Budget statement presented below. These are standard adjusts made each year. The parish subsidy to the school this year was \$336,043.

The Festival and Holiday Bonanza proceeds are not in the parish operating budget and are not allocated for parish operating but for capital improvements. 2012 Festival proceeds were \$45,000; the 2012 Holiday Bonanza made \$16,142. These proceeds were used for the following capital projects:

- school tuck pointing - \$5,125;
- magnetic door closures for fire safety in school - \$4,300;
- new chairs in the Church Hall - \$5,765;
- painting of classrooms and plaster work in the summer 2012 - \$3,165;
- refinishing & painting the gym floor – \$15,500;
- new flooring in the church stairwells - \$7,200.

Without the support of these fundraisers these items would be in the operating budget, therefore impacting tuition rates. We are very grateful for these successful events and appreciate our volunteers. In addition to the improvements that the parish fundraisers provided the PTO installed all new blinds in the school to help with the window replacement. So please continue to support the PTO fundraisers!

St. James Parish has funds on deposit at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati totaling \$289,751.01.

The funds are composed of:

St. James School Restricted Fund [school] – \$100,350;

Koch Memorial Fund [school] - \$38,982;

Technology Savings [school] - \$101,350.72;

Blue Ribbon Permanent Education Endowment Fund [school] - \$42,473.50;

Mission Certificates - \$6,595.

These funds are held for specific purposes noted and are **not** available for the operation of the parish.

This year we do have parish debt to report due to the church renovation and school window replacement. The church renovation did exceed the budgeted amount. In the fall 2011 the parish had a pledge drive for these projects and you very generously pledged the \$1,500,000 goal. As of this printing we have collected \$1,059,797. We have around \$440,000 left to collect. Thank you to everyone who is faithfully paying those pledges; we need them all. As of now (August 2013) our parish debt is \$370,392 and will grow a little as we complete the school window project.

Please take the time to review the accompanying financial report. Any questions or request for additional information may be directed to members of the Finance Council or Amy Klosterman at the parish office.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who financially supports our parish. As the Finance Council, we work hard to use your gifts to the Lord responsibly for the good of the Church. Every dollar you give benefits the people of this parish and furthers the work of the Kingdom of God. We hope that you will continue to share your blessings in the Stewardship Commitment for the coming year. Thank you in the name of the Lord.

Financial Statement - For Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2013 and 2012

	Actual 2012/2013 Parish	Actual 2012/2013 School	Actual 2012/2013 Total	Actual 2011/2012 Total
<u>Revenues</u>				
Sunday & Holydays	\$ 1,165,481	-	\$ 1,165,481	\$ 1,151,542
Other Parish Revenues	65,155	-	65,155	57,264
School Revenue	-	2,178,867	2,178,867	2,173,622
State Reimbursement	-	216,540	216,540	229,415
Total Revenue	\$ 1,230,636	\$ 2,395,407	\$ 3,626,043	\$ 3,611,843
<u>Expenses</u>				
Archdiocesan Assess	120,470	5,516	125,986	125,972
Salaries/Benefits	288,320	2,191,769	2,480,089	2,578,987
Other Expenses	162,178	163,905	326,083	299,332
Maint Salaries/Benefits	64,071	94,605	158,676	151,349
Other Maint	88,620	138,515	227,135	210,544
Utilities	57,661	64,493	122,154	114,729
Rel Ed Salaries/Benefits	28,958	56,213	85,171	28,884
Other Rel Ed Exp	4,407	16,435	20,842	23,044
Total Expenses	\$ 814,685	\$ 2,731,451	\$ 3,546,136	\$ 3,532,841
Subsidy to School	\$ 336,043	(336,043)		
Excess Revenue - Parish	\$ 79,908	\$ -		
Combined Excess Revenue			\$ 79,907	\$ 79,002

2013/14 OPERATING BUDGET

The operating budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year projects balanced revenues and expenditures of \$3,582,020, a decrease of 0.1% over the current year's budget.

Revenues:

Sunday and holyday giving is projected at \$1,235,447, with no increase from this year's budget. There is no increase because when the budget was prepared in February 2013 our Sunday giving was under budget. We also considered that our families are continuing to pay their pledges for the church renovation and school window project. The parish needs on average \$1050 from every giving family to meet this budgeted amount. This figure is based on 1167 families giving something in 2012-2013.

School revenues are projected to be \$2,279,273 with tuition at \$2,003,713. The hardship allowance is projected at \$34,000 and is included in the parish budget. In addition to this amount, there is also the reserve generated by the school envelopes included in our Sunday envelope package. The school projection is based upon enrollment of 594. The budgeted enrollment figure for last year was 625, and the current enrollment actually was 644.

Tuition was increased 1% this year as opposed to a 5% increase last year. The tuition for one child in the school will be \$3,430. For families who pay their entire tuition with cash before August 1st a 3% discount will be given. Tuition for one child with this discount is \$3,327 a savings of \$103. Profits from the Car Raffle is estimated at \$20,000 and is included in this year's school revenues.

Expenditures:

Parish - The parish budget is increasing by \$13,867 or 1% from this year's budget. This is due to a slight increase in staff salaries and a 5% increase on health insurance premiums.

School - The school budget is projected to decrease \$58,234 from this past year's budget. With the decrease in enrollment staff positions were eliminated, reducing the amount needed for teacher salaries. These positions were eliminated through attrition. The marketing director position has been eliminated with the duties reassigned to the principal and assistant principal. Teachers will receive a slight increase in addition to their step increase. Mandated services are budgeted at \$190,080, an increase of \$18,205 due to a better budget figure from the state. The technology fund is budgeted at \$23,760 with an additional \$11,880 for technology supplies.

Maintenance - The total maintenance budget for 2013/2014 is \$534,061, a decrease of \$4,000. The main reason for the decrease is in utilities. We continue to take advantage of cost saving rates and hope the new school windows will allow those savings to continue. Capital allocations are included at \$20,000, the same as last year. Most major repairs and improvements are covered by holiday bonanza, fish fry and festival profits. There are no holiday bonanza, fish fry or festival proceeds incorporated in the operating budget.

This budget was approved by Finance & Pastoral Councils.

Budget For Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

	Budget 2013/2014 Parish	Budget 2013/2014 School	Budget 2013/2014 Total	Actual 2012/2013 Total
<u>Revenues</u>				
Sunday & Holydays	\$ 1,235,447	\$ -	\$ 1,235,447	\$ 1,165,481
Other Parish Revenues	67,300	-	67,300	62,362
School Revenue	-	2,089,193	2,089,193	2,178,867
State Reimbursement		190,080	190,080	216,540
Total Revenue	\$ 1,302,747	\$ 2,279,273	\$ 3,582,020	\$ 3,623,250
<u>Expenses</u>				
Archdiocesan Assess	125,000	5,800	130,800	125,986
Salaries/Benefits	306,380	2,203,656	2,510,036	2,480,089
Other Expenses	175,760	119,440	295,200	325,554
Maint Salaries/Benefits	74,670	98,115	172,785	158,676
Other Maint	74,700	149,551	224,251	227,135
Utilities	71,525	65,500	137,025	122,154
Rel Ed Salaries/Benefits	28,425	48,400	76,825	85,170
Other Rel Ed Exp	10,000	25,098	35,098	20,842
Total Expenses	\$ 866,460	\$ 2,715,560	\$ 3,582,020	\$ 3,545,606
Subsidy to School	\$ 436,287	(436,287)	-	-
Combined Excess Revenue	\$	\$	\$ -	\$ 77,644

The “ACTS” Method of Prayer

By Fr. Tozzi

I hope you say your prayers every day, if not then this is an invitation and a challenge to start. People get intimidated with prayer for many reasons, such as not knowing what to do or even being self-conscious to the point of feeling embarrassed. *Relax.* Prayer doesn't have to be very long or boring. You have to find the way of praying that best fits you. Some people like the Rosary, others like to read Scripture and spend time thinking about it (I recommend starting with the Gospels and Psalms). Others like to just spend quiet time talking to God. There are many ways to pray. Here is a simple and effective method of prayer:

Find a place that's comfortable for you, it could be in your house, on a walk, a visit to church, any place in which you can focus your attention on God. If your attention wanders (it probably will) just pick it back up from where you left off. Don't get frustrated as that's just another distraction.

- 1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross and ask God to help you during this time of prayer.*
- 2. Pray to God by using “ACTS.” It's easy to remember and covers a lot of ground. From your heart, come up with prayers that fit into each category. Feel free to spend extra time meditating on one or more of these, taking it to a deeper level of thought and prayer.*

Adoration – Praise God for His greatness. Glory to God in the highest! Glory be to Him alone! (If you need help try Psalm 145 for ideas)

Contrition – I'm sorry for my sins. I'm sorry that I was rude, impatient, gossiped, road raged, was short with the kids, gave my spouse a hard time, took out frustrations on others, etc..... whatever happened in your day.

Thanksgiving – Thank you God for all of my blessings. Thank you for my family, friends, food, health, life, a beautiful day, for forgiving me, for Jesus' death and Resurrection, for the Sacraments, etc... all the good things in this life. Count your blessings.

Supplication (asking for stuff) – Don't pray as though you are demanding things or as if you can make God do things like He's a magic genie in a lamp. This type of prayer should be made in humility and most importantly in the spirit of, “Thy will be done.” Examples: Praying for good health, for spouses, for the kids, peace in the family, friends, help with work issues, help with school, for those struggling in any way, etc...

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and a Glory Be. Thank God for this time of prayer and end with the Sign of the Cross.

A Matter of Faith

By Theresa Hayes, DRE

A relative newcomer to the parish staff of Saint James the Greater experienced the pangs of uncertainty, much of which was attributable to lack of experience, with regard to the start-up of a high school youth group, a responsibility assigned to her position. However, through the grace of God, after contacting the high school students who had generously served as “Peer Leaders” during the Confirmation Retreat in November 2012, she was gratified to find that there was significant interest expressed by multiple individuals in serving on a steering committee. After several meetings, during which discussions occurred regarding the types of activities and service the group might undertake, as well as a successful get-together to attract interest on the part of additional individuals in participating in the group, a plan was suggested that this fledgling group undertake a booth at the Saint James Festival – and the booth chosen was the bakery booth.

Our new group faced new uncertainty. A tentative request was placed with those serving the parish on the committee overseeing the festival. We were assured by the fact that the desired undertaking was designed to serve God through service to our parish, and when asked how we knew that we would receive the donations needed, we could only respond that we would do our best to ensure it and see what would happen. The Saint James HS Youth Group persisted in its desire, was granted permission to participate, and approached the Saint James Seniors Group in person, and the rest of the parish through the weekly bulletin, pulpit announcements, and word-of-mouth to request their support. The positive responses were reassuring, and we were committed.

Our next challenge was finding individuals willing to commit selflessly to working the booth. Initially there were a few individuals, but more were needed and several pleas were sent out to acquire the needed number of individuals. Amazingly, even friends of members contributed their time and energy to the booth. Also amazingly, when the booth was beginning to look as though there would not be enough to serve demand, more baked goods appeared. This continued through Sunday afternoon. One would have thought that with the delightfully generous responses by our parish bakers (and their relatives and friends) that we might have experienced surplus. However, we were also blessed with generous consumers! There were just enough goods and the final items were sold by the end of the evening on the closing day.

So, maybe this story is just a repetition of the types of experiences of the many dedicated individuals contributing to the success of a parish festival. Perhaps, though, it can be different, especially in recognizing the phenomenon of Divine Providence, which was the glue that held the various components of our project together. That providence guided us in blind faith that all would work out, and it did.

A very wise mentor once reassured his student that “We are not called to be perfect – only to be faithful!” Thank you for supporting us in our journey of faith!

Grief Support

By Deacon Gregg Rose, Pastoral Associate

*I walked a mile with Sorrow and ne'er a word said she;
but, oh, the things I learned from her
when Sorrow walked with me.*

(Robert Browning)

This summer a new ministry was established by St. James parishioners Vicki Jung and Julie Schneider. The Grief Support group meets for eight consecutive Wednesday evenings using a program developed by Harriet Sarnoff Schiff and outlined in her book, *Living Through Mourning*. Each meeting covers a topic related to bereavement and members are encouraged to share their own experience of the mourning process. The group offers emotional support for each participant so that they can share what their deceased loved one meant to them and how they are responding to the challenges involved in developing a new way of living. Thank you Vicki and Julie for your ministry and for reminding us that even on our darkest journeys, we always walk with Christ.



St. James White Oak, Fortnight for Freedom Rosary Rally was held on June 29th

New Parish Picture Directory Coming This Fall



Get ready to smile! Life Touch has been chosen to produce our new parish picture directory. Details will follow via the Sunday bulletin and parish web site. The scheduled dates and times that will be available are: Tues, Oct. 8; Wed, Oct. 9; Thurs., Oct. 10; Fri., Oct. 18; Sat., Oct. 19; Tues., Oct. 22; Wed., Oct. 23; Thurs., Oct. 24; Fri., Oct. 25; Sat., Oct. 26; Tues., Oct. 29; Wed., Oct. 30; Tues., Nov. 5; and Wed., Nov. 6. The Tuesday thru Friday times will be 2-9 pm and Saturday will be 10 am-4 pm. **Please watch for information about scheduling your specific time.**

St. James School Update

Dear St. James Parishioners,



The summer has been quite a busy one at St. James. You've probably seen the many lifts and construction crews around the school over the past few months. Through the generosity of our parishioners, our school has a fresh new look with the installation of new windows and front doors. Besides

looking better, the windows are better insulated and the doors are safer. Our wonderful PTO financed the installation of all new blinds throughout the school as well. Through the Panther Prowl walk-a-thon funds, our art room received a facelift with a new counter and shelves, sinks, and tables and chairs. We are grateful for the generosity that allowed for these projects to happen.

Our maintenance and cleaning crews have been very busy this summer as well. Classrooms have been cleaned, floors have been waxed, and many other

projects have been completed. Several places throughout the school got a fresh coat of paint.

Our teachers and staff have been busy throughout the summer as well. Besides enjoying some much deserved time off, many of our teachers participated in trainings, classroom work, and many were CPR certified. Our teachers have been especially busy during the month of August. Each has been setting up their classrooms, working on lesson plans, and making sure everything is just right for the start of school.

All of this work is being done to prepare for our most important asset – our students. We do all of this preparation and maintenance work to make sure that we are ready for the students. We want to be able to provide for them the best possible education. We hope that as they return to begin a new year the school is a place where they can thrive both academically and spiritually. We especially want to welcome with open arms all of our many new students and their families.

Besides welcoming our new students, we are excited to welcome several new talented teachers and staff members who will be joining our team this year. Mrs. Katrina Reid is our new first grade teacher. Mr. Dan Greene is our new second grade teacher. Miss Emily Clegg will be teaching fourth grade social studies and technology classes to our students in grades kindergarten through three. Mrs. Christine Ochs-Naderer joins our eighth grade teaching reading classes. Ms. Emily Buzzard joins us as our Speech and Language Pathologist. Our students will also enjoy seeing Mrs. Karin Loftus and Mrs. Melissa Seibert in our cafeteria each day supervising lunches. We know that each of these teachers and staff

members will add to the rich tradition of Saint James School and we're excited to have them join our school community.

While a new school year is just beginning, it may be time for some parents to begin thinking about school for 2014-2015. We are always happy to provide information to our parishioners who are considering a Catholic education for their child. Please feel free to contact the school office at 741-5333 to find out more about our school or to schedule a tour.

And for those parishioners who are long past their days at St. James, we invite you to stay connected. We are very excited about the work being done by a group of our alumni to reconnect with our past graduates. The group has some exciting plans for the future! Be sure to take a moment and update your information through our school website at www.stjameswo.org. Click on the alumni tab to update your personal information so that we can stay in touch with you and share some of the great things happening with our long line of alumni.

Finally, we want to thank you for all of your prayers and support for our school. We feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, faith-filled community. If you ever have any questions about St. James School, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're excited to begin a new school year!

Sincerely,

Michelle Hinton
Principal

Jeffrey Fulmer
Assistant Principal

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

At all the Masses on the weekend of September 21 & 22 we will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The Church encourages us to continually pray for those who are sick, and to especially celebrate this sacrament with them. We invite everyone who has a serious illness or is suffering from the debilitation due to age to receive this sacrament of healing. This is a good time to make a special effort to bring someone to church who might not be able to join us weekly because of their illness.



Further information will be in the Sunday bulletins in September.



Joseph Thomas Clevenger, son of Kara Gerhardstein
 Kendall Lynn Fouts, daughter of Josh and Katie
 Kyle David Fouts, son of Josh and Katie
 Bryson Lee Jorg, son of Kevin and Amy
 Benjamin Richard Kemen, son of William & Cara
 Andrew Michael Korfhagen, son of Michael & Lissa
 Ava Rose Kramer, daughter of James and Lisa
 David Paul Seibel, son of Paul & Sarah



Eric & Melissa Arter & Family
 Christopher & Sarah Barwell & Family
 Catherine Cronin & Family
 Stephen & Kathryn DiCarlo & Family
 Raymond & Christine Fay
 Christine Hartke & Family
 Clinton & Stephanie Huber & Family
 John & Kelly Kachoris & Family
 William & Cara Kemen & Family
 Brian & Ashley Lane & Family
 Jeffrey & Lisa Lasita
 Kevin & Robin Leonhardt & Family
 Kathryn Maurits
 John & Beverly Merritt
 Paul Schmeltzer
 Jeffrey & Tammy Schmidt & Family
 Danielle Zieverink & Family



Joseph Pegram, 5/31/13
 Charles Mollmann, 6/25/13
 Ralph Weiss, 7/5/13
 Al Trachsel, 7/17/13
 Tom Alexander, 7/22/13
 Dorothy Fehrenbach, 7/27/13

***The St. James Memorial Fund Masses
 will be celebrated on the following dates:***

Sept. 28 – 4:30 pm Nov. 24 – 10:00 am
 Oct. 27 – 8:00 am Dec. 29 - Noon

2014

Jan. 26 – 8:00 am Mar. 30 - Noon
 Feb. 23 – 10:00 am Apr. 26 – 4:30 pm

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for
 those enrolled in the Fund.*

**The following deceased members have been enrolled in the
 Memorial Fund:**

Brian LaFary and Melvin F. Maringer.

Dates to Remember –

Sept. 2	Labor Day – Mass at 8:30 am
Sept. 21/22	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Masses
Oct. 6	Respect Life Sunday
Oct. 20	Mission Sunday
Nov. 1	Solemnity of All Saints
Nov. 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
Nov. 10	Evening Prayer for the Dead
Nov. 24	Solemnity of Christ the King
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 am
Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent

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