



St. James Catholic Church - Franklin, Wisconsin

Service to the Lord since 1857

2010 PASTORAL REPORT

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St. James Mission Statement

We, the welcoming Catholic community of St. James, seek salvation through Christ by proclaiming the Good News through worship, witness, and stewardship of all God's creation.

From Dan Hull, Parish Director



Dear People of St. James,

Well it's time to report on some of the things that have happened over the past year and to anticipate some of the things you can expect to see in the upcoming year. I must say that although the recession initially hit us hard financially the parish has been coming back strong. Both our mass attendance and our giving have been increasing and our Deficit Reduction Appeal has brought in over \$13,000 to date.

We have made some major improvements to our Children's Programming with the addition of Vacation Bible School, Children's Choir and our monthly Children's homily at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Adult Programming is also very strong with Chick Flicks, Adult Bible Study and the RCIA not to mention our seasonal All-parish catechetical events before Advent and Lent.

We have undertaken some major buildings and grounds projects with the renovation of the parish center basement facilities. South Hall is almost completed and the North "hall" (which formerly housed the Thrift Store) is well on the way to becoming a workshop and maintenance center.

The parish Council has started reshaping our leadership structures and hopes to have a 5 year strategic plan in place sometime next year. At the same time we have been re-evaluating our cluster relationship with St. Romans and St. Charles as we try to find ways to better utilize the strengths of each parish.

Some other things you should know:

That the Finance Committee, in accord with Archdiocesan policies, pulled all of our investments out of the stock market and placed them in safer, FDIC-insured accounts.

Our 45 year-old church boiler system is well beyond its life expectancy. It currently operates at a 65% efficiency rating. We plan to replace it this year with a new system that operates at a 95% efficiency rating for both increased reliability a substantial savings in energy costs.

The Department of Transportation has presented its initial plans for restructuring 27th Street and we are putting a committee together to try to get some changes made to those plans.

Finally on the First Sunday of Advent 2011, we (and all the English speaking Churches around the world) will be changing over to the New Roman Missal. It will change many of the prayers that we use at Sunday Mass and we will also come into compliance with the GIRM (General Instruction on the Roman Missal) which means that we will begin kneeling through the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Starting in September we will begin preparing the parish for that change.

There are a lot more things happening at St. James but these are some of the highlights.

Blessings,
 Dan

Special points of interest in 2010	2010	2009	+ or -
BAPTISMS (BIRTH TO 12 MOS.)	12	16	-4
BAPTISMS (13 MOS-6 YRS.)	0	3	-3
BAPTISMS (AGES 7-17)	0	0	0
ADULT BAPTISMS	0	0	0
FIRST RECONCILIATION	35	16	+19
ADULT R.C.I.A. (CONFIRMED)	0	1	-1
FIRST COMMUNION	35	14	+21
YOUTH CONFIRMED	4	16	-12
ANOINTING OF SICK (INDIVIDUAL)	24	24	0
COMMUNAL ANOINTING	325	218	+107
MARRIAGES	1	3	-2
DEATHS	25	31	-6

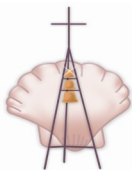
SOURCE: 2009 & 2010 STATUS ANIMARUM

How does St. James look by our age and other...?

	2010	2009	+ or -
65+	335	338	-3
45-64	413	463	-50
25-44	258	318	-60
18-24	104	126	-22
14-17	51	62	-11
6-13	143	159	-16
Under 6	84	71	+13
Age unknown/not provided	119	37	+82
Households moving from parish	7	51	-36
New households registered	47	33	+14
Total individual members	1,507	1,574	-67
*Single-Parent households	212	137	+75
Total Individual Households	693	699	-6

*This includes widowed, separated, divorced or never-married with child(ren).

Source: 2009 & 2010 Status Animarum



150th Anniversary Image
2007

*What return
can I make
to the Lord,
for all God's
goodness to me?"*

Psalm 116

*"LET NOT YOUR
HAND BE OPEN
TO RECEIVE AND
CLENCHED
WHEN IT IS TIME
TO GIVE."*

SIRACH 4:31

Because of our generosity.....

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- We are in our 154th year as a parish in our 3rd worship space.
- We are able to staff 3 Masses every weekend, a Tuesday morning Mass, a Wednesday morning Word Service, plus first Friday at Maple Ridge Rehabilitation Center at 26th and Ramsey.
- We bring the Eucharist to 44 shut-in parishioners every week. That's up from last year at just 11, thanks to our compassionate and dedicated volunteers.
- We continue to provide All-Parish events about Advent, the Old Testament, and Lent.
- We help support a St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry which served 53 tons of food in 2010. It is the largest-demand food pantry in the area.
- With just over 60% of our parish households' financial stewardship offering frequency at a monthly, quarterly or even once a year, we began a "Monthly Letter." It helps reduce the cost of boxed envelopes (both purchasing and postage). It gives another opportunity to hear news about the parish, a reflection, an upcoming event. It also offers time to reflect on the parish needs and to send in our donation with the cut-off section provided.
- We collaborate with our 2 cluster parishes with missions and Reconciliation (St. Charles & St. Romans).
- 35 youngsters received their First Communion in 2010. That's the largest group in about a decade! Please keep this year's youngsters in prayer.
- Unfortunately, we had to close off regular usage of the Parish Center basement (north end) due to extensive mold and mildew damage. We are continually making progress to restore some function to that area which includes work/maintenance center and much-needed storage.
- We had an other energy audit and implemented a cost-reducing replacement of ballasts, light bulbs and light fixtures.
- We are in process to replace the 45 year-old church boiler to a new, more energy-efficient heating system.
- We began a Children's Choir under the direction of Annie Hull. They are becoming a regular presence in our music ministry.
- We will be having a Parish Ministry Fair on September 24th & 25th to offer more information on what goes on and to offer an opportunity to meet those involved.
- We began a summer Vacation Bible School in August and will have our second one in August, "SonQuest Rain Forest."
- We house a state-licensed preschool for children aged 2 1/2 - 5 years old from September-May (start/end days vary) Mon-Thurs. 9-11:30 AM
- 102 Prayer Shawls were lovingly provided to individuals who experience short or long-term illness, surgery, or in hospice care.

Are you considering Stewardship of Time & Talent? Here's what we have...

Acolyte (Server)	Easter Egg Hunt	Liturgy of the Word for Children	Interests—occasional service
Adult Bible Study	Family Bowling Outing	Parish Service Nights	Arts & Crafts
Adult Choir	Feast Day Picnic	Pastoral Care Visit (home & hospital)	Baking
Art & Environment	Finance Committee	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Carpentry/Woodworking
Boy Scouts (independent)	Franciscan Peacemaker Sandwich-	Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)	Computer
Building & Grounds	Making Sundays (independent)	Small Groups Sharing Faith (SGSF)	Electrical
Cantor	Fund-Raising Activities	Soup Sale Helper	Gardening/Landscape
Card Socials (Euchre)	Habitat for Humanity (independent)	Southwest Interfaith (independent)	General Office Work
Catechist	Bell Choir (Adult)	Stewardship (Time & Talent)	Lawn Care
Catechist Aide	Bell Choir (Youth)	SVDP Food Pantry (independent)	Snow Removal
Children's Choir	Hospitality Minister (Usher)	SVDP Meal Program (independent)	Photography
Christian Co-Workers	Instrumentalist	Tri-Parish Activities	Plumbing
Coffee & Doughnut Hosts	Lector (Reader)	Vacation Bible School (August)	
Communion "Eucharistic" Minister	Linen Care		

Stewardship of Treasure

In 2010, 575 families contributed a portion of their financial stewardship to support our mission as Church. It breaks down into the following:

	2010	2009
\$ 10,000 +	0	0
\$ 4,000- 9,999	3	5
\$ 3,000 - 3,999	3	4
\$2,000 - 2,999	19	18
\$1,000 - 1,999	97	98
\$500 - 999	123	138
\$100 - 499	179	87
\$10 - 99	74	124
\$1 up to \$9	5	11
\$0	43	76

Thank you to all those who make a regular sacrifice of their financial treasure for the good work here at St. James!

E-GIVING

Tired of writing checks? Are you "green" minded? Please consider electronic giving. It is easy to set up and saves our parish the cost of mailing out boxes of envelopes. At present, 48 families are currently donating on-line. For more information, go to our website: www.stjames-franklin.com and click on "E-giving" and read the instructions on how to enroll in this service. You will receive a confirmation of your enrollment.

Monthly Letter

If you are a traditional box of envelope user and would like to switch to our new "Monthly Letter," please contact the parish office at (414) 761-0480. As a reminder, Monthly Letters are available in the "lobby" on the 3rd Sunday every month and unclaimed letters are mailed out early the following week.

Where your

treasure is,

there your

heart will be.