



Open House - St. James' Episcopal Church Milwaukee

The people of St. James' Episcopal Church Milwaukee - located at 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., in downtown Milwaukee - cordially invite all our friends to an Open House on **June 14, 2015** from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, and we can't wait to see you.

Anyone who would like to join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. is also cordially invited to do so.

As many people know, St. James' experienced water leaks and floor heaving in the summer and fall of 2013. Our sanctuary suffered visible damage and for a long while, attending church was like going to a concert at the Milwaukee's famous Turner Ballroom (where the organization has refurbished the burned out space just enough for concerts, but left much of the damage is still visible).

Thanks to perseverance of the congregation and the assistance of Church Insurance, and the ministrations of our building manager, some sturdy congregants and our Supply Priest, Fr. John Allen, our sanctuary is now refurbished, and is actually more beautiful than ever. Having to remove ourselves and ALL fixtures from the sanctuary for seven weeks during asbestos removal and floor replacement forced a much-needed evaluation of what our sanctuary should look like NOW. What you will see on June 14 is different from the St. James' you might remember.

While our building itself is on the market for sale, we are very much alive and worshipping in the building pending any sale. We continue to host The Gathering, which is one of the largest meal programs in SE Wisconsin, and we continue to manage our own ministries of Red Door Clothes and Sundries on the Avenue, which is a program to distribute soaps and toiletries to guests of The Gathering.

Our church is located across from the Central Milwaukee Public library and right next to Marquette's Straz Hall dormitory. Street parking is free on Sunday, so don't let the meters scare you away!

St. James' is historically landmarked by the City as well as being on the Federal Register of Historic Landmarks, and we are looking forward to greeting friends and showing people the refurbished sanctuary.