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Mass Schedule

Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Houghton Feb, Mar, June, July, Oct, Nov
St. Paul Jan, April, May, Aug, Sept, Dec

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Weekday See Inside

Sacraments

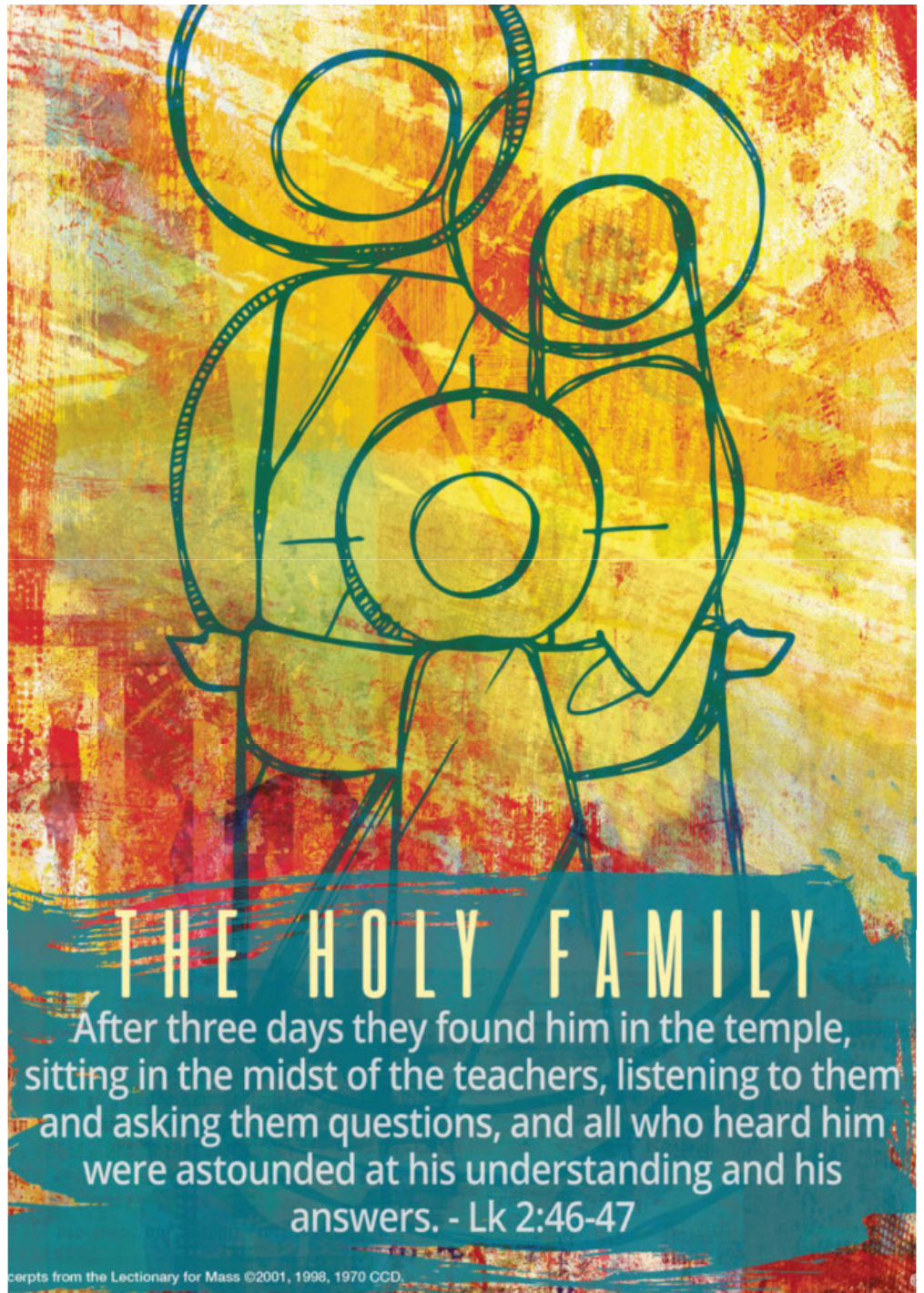
Reconciliation: Saturdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

1st & 3rd at St John's in Houghton
2nd & 4th at St James in St. Paul
or anytime by appointment

Baptism: We welcome all to become adopted children of God. Please contact the parish office to set a date and to register for Baptism Class if you have not done this in the past.

Marriage: For proper preparation, please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office if you would like Anointing of the Sick, a home visit and especially when you go into the hospital—often we are not notified.



THE HOLY FAMILY— DECEMBER 26TH, 2021



May the peace and joy of Christmas be in the hearts and homes of everyone in our faith community. May all of our visitors and guests feel welcome. This past year has brought many challenges and for some of our families, it has been a year of grief or suffering. But the manger scene tells us that we are not alone. The God of the universe has become one of us to walk with us on our journey. His Spirit was not just in Bethlehem but is alive today in the love that we show each other. Whatever this next year brings, may we hold on to this Spirit as we grow in faith and become closer as a community.

Thank you for being great parishes and great people; it makes a pastor's job much easier. Together let's make 2022 the best year ever!

Fr. Dan

Christmas 2021

All are welcome to worship with us during this holy season. Invite friends and family to join us in praise.

"Celebrate the Lord's Coming!"

- 12/24—Friday Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord
4:00PM @ St John in Houghton
6:00PM @ St James in St Paul
- 12/25—Mass for the Nativity of the Lord
9:00AM @ St John in Houghton
- 12/25—Vigil Mass for Feast of the Holy Family
4:00PM @ St James in St Paul
- 12/26—Sunday Mass for Feast of the Holy Family
9:30AM @ St John in Houghton
- 1/1/2022—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
9:00AM @ St John in Houghton
- 1/1/2022—Vigil Mass for Epiphany of the Lord
4:00PM @ St James in St Paul
- 1/2/2022—Sunday Mass for Epiphany of the Lord
9:30AM @ St John in Houghton

Pandemic Guidelines for Church Attendance

We come to church as community and guests to worship and praise our God. We want everyone to be comfortable. In charity to all, the diocese **encourages** everyone to wear a face mask, regardless of immunization status.

Those sitting in the few reserved pews are **required** to wear a mask. If you don't feel the need for a mask then please sit elsewhere. Pray for an end to the pandemic.

Temporary Charitable Giving Law

The Coronavirus stimulus package, the CARES Act, created a temporary Universal Charitable Deduction, which allows for an additional, "above-the-line" deduction for charitable gifts of up to \$300. Extended to 2021, you can claim this deduction even if you are not itemizing on your Federal taxes. Please consult with your tax advisor for more details.

The Catholic Messenger

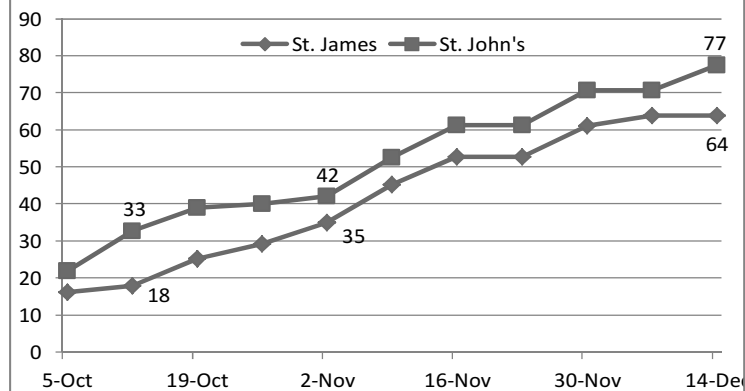
Every parish family has a subscription. This is our newspaper for everything Catholic on the world front, nationally, and in our diocese. Great editorials and inspiration. If you don't get this paper, let the office know. If you get it but don't read it, you are missing some great stuff. Fr. Dan reads it online at digital.catholicmessenger.net

Open Our Hearts to Christ

2021-22 Annual Diocesan Appeal

If you have not pledged yet this year please return your pledges in the offertory or direct to the diocese now. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the churches. Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far. Let's end the year with a big finish!

ADA Race to 100%



St. James Parish Hall now taking event reservations.

Contact Tim & Carol Snaadt 319.470.6671 or the parish office for pricing and availability.

On the Horizon:

- 12/19—Family & Youth Christmas Caroling TBA @ WP Care Center
- 12/22—Reconciliation & Adoration 5:45PM @ S James
- 12/25—Christmas
- 12/26—Feast of the Holy Family
- 1/2/2022—Epiphany of the Lord
- 1/4—St John Parish Council 6:30 @ Rectory
- 1/7-10—Fr. Dan is away
- 1/11—St James Parish Council 6:30 @ S James Hall

Who Should Be Catholic?

- Someone who seeks truth and what is real*
 - Someone who wants meaning and purpose in life*
 - Someone who needs to be satisfied and fulfilled*
 - Someone who wants to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ*
 - Someone who loves family and friends*
 - Someone courageous enough to be vulnerable*
 - Someone who is broken and needs healing*
 - Someone who longs for grace*
 - Someone who hungers for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist*
 - Someone serious about loving and being loved*
- Is that someone you?**

Join a 7-day Challenge with men from our Parishes

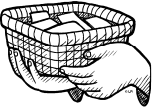


ARE YOU READY FOR MORE?

Attention men! If you want your life to look different then take action and start living different. This 7-day challenge of prayer, brotherhood, and sacrifice will open your eyes and heart to be more the man of God you were meant to be. Daily prayer commitment, experiencing silence, cold showers, staying away from media, alcohol, and snacks are just some of the components in this national program. **Journey with your parish brothers to freedom. The EXODUS begins January 16th.**

Contact Nathan 319-669-9075 and visit www.exodus90.com

Stewardship



For weekend of December 11-12

Your gifts to the Lord:

St James the Less:

Received: \$5,142

Budgeted: \$1,625

Received so far this year: \$41,592

Budgeted so far this year: \$39,000

St John the Baptist:

Received: \$2,095

Budgeted: \$1,605

Received so far this year: \$36,729

Budgeted so far this year: \$38,520

The SUNDAY COLLECTION is by far our most important source of income. Just as we are called to make Sunday an important part of our week, we are also called to be good stewards of our financial gifts. The bills keep coming. Please be regular in your giving!

Holy Family - December 26, 2021

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

AREA WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES (does not include special holydays)

Saturdays

- 4:00 p.m. Sts. Mary & Joseph - Ft. Madison
- St. John the Baptist - Burlington
- 5:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- St. Mary's - West Point
- 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph - Montrose

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's - West Point
- St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- St. John the Baptist - Burlington
- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart - Ft. Madison
- 10:30 a.m. St. Boniface - Farmington
- Sts. Mary & Joseph - Ft. Madison
- 11:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- St. John the Baptist - Burlington
- 5:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist - Burlington

To Report Child Abuse

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800/362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563/349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.


**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Week of December 27– January 2

Monday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Junior Garmoe

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Sr Mary Dingman

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Houghton Darlene Bentler

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Houghton People of Our Parishes

Friday

8:30 p.m. Houghton Pam Steffensmeier &
Diane Denning

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Houghton Betty Schroeder

4:00 p.m. St Paul Bert & Priscila Holtkamp

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Houghton Adrian Lampe

Ministry Schedule for 1-2

St James the Less, Saturday 4pm

Servers: Kat DiPrima & Nick Menke

Lector: Lori Mueller

Ushers: DJ & Mikey DiPrima Mike Mueller

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy DiPrima

Livestreamer: Jenna DiPrima

St John the Baptist, Sunday 9:30am

Lector: Anne Steffensmeier

Ushers: Glenn Steffensmeier and Harold Holtkamp

Eucharist Minister: Sally Denning

Livestreamers: Joan Holtkamp

Mass Readings for this week

Read or listen online at bible.usccb.org

Sunday: Sirach 3:2-14/Psalms 128:1-5/Colossians 3:12-21/
Luke 2:41-52/Ps 84:2-10/1 John 3:1-24/Luke 2:41-52

Monday: 1 John 1:1-4/Psalms 97:1-12/John 20:1-8

Tuesday: 1 John 1:5—2:2/Psalms 124:2-8/Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11/Psalms 96:1-6/Luke 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17/Psalms 96:7-10/Luke 2:36-40

Friday: 1 John 2:18-21/Psalms 96:1-13/John 1:1-18

Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27/Psalms 67:2-8/Galatians 4:4-7/
Luke 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-13/Ephesians 3:2-6/
Matthew 2:1-12

**Watch our daily livestream of the Mass on Facebook
Listen to Catholic Radio on 97.7 FM or 98.3 in Ft Madison**



WEBSITE:

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319/470-2257
Florence Thompson, St. John.....319/931-1786

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The Parish Councils of both parishes are looking for new members. These parish volunteers meet monthly to advise and assist the pastor on everything happening within the parishes. They volunteer for a 3 year term. With the start of a new year, please prayerfully consider serving on the Council for your parish and contact Fr. Dan if interested or if you have questions.

Parish Council meeting are open to all members of the parish. Come check it out. Look for meeting dates and times in the "On the Horizon" section of the bulletin.

Let your voice be heard!



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Elementary School

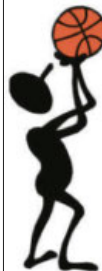
413 Avenue C, PO Box 39, West Point, IA 52656
Elementary Principal.....Amy Kies Bautista
Phone.....319/837-6131

ANNOUNCING: The Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship

January 26, 2:15PM in the HTC Elementary Gym. 

Open to all area students, ages 9-14, competing with your own age group. Registration opens at 2PM but pre-registration is encouraged through email by contacting Keith Gehling, 319-931-9308.

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