

St. James the Less & St. John the Baptist

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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.
Houghton Jan, April, May, Aug, Sept, Dec
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Weekdays See Inside

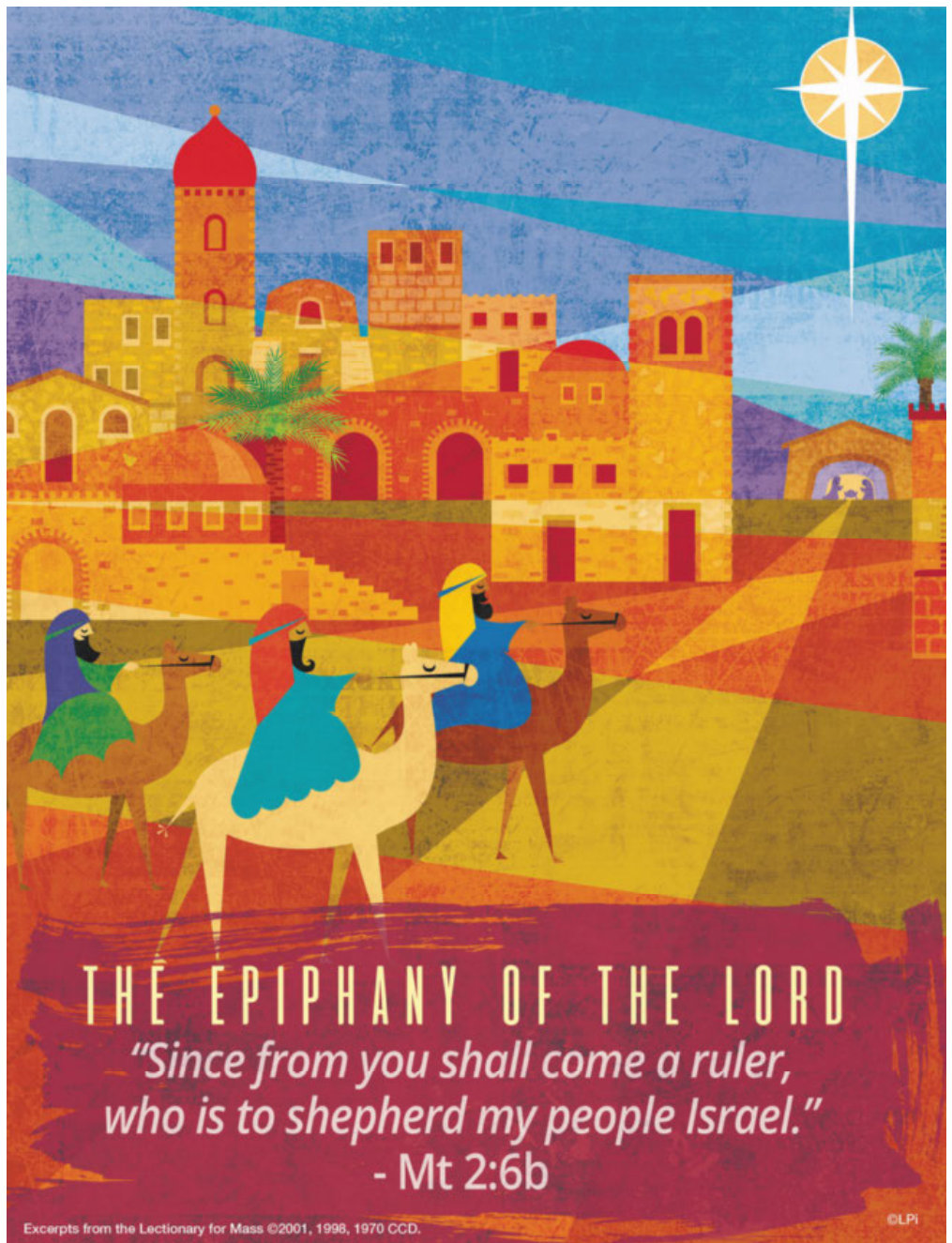
Sacraments

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

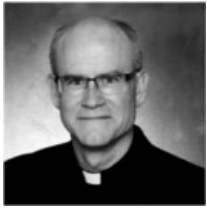
Baptism: We welcome all to become adopted children of God. Please contact the parish office to set a date and to register for Baptism Class if you have not done this in the past.

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 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 2ND, 2022



Welcome to 2022!

It's difficult for me during holidays when I have to publish bulletins several days in advance—I'm trying to put on a post-Christmas mindset when it hasn't happened yet at this writing. So, pretending that I am in the new year, I trust you all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2022 will bring.

Big projects for us in the next few months include participating in the Synod with our listening sessions and kicking off the diocesan capital campaign, "Upon This Rock," in our parishes. Both of these will require prayer and participation from everyone. Later in the year we are looking at improvements and repairs to our buildings: window work on both churches and major renovation around the gymnasium at St. James.

Beyond the "flesh and bones" of the parishes, I hope to work on the "spirit and soul:" to improve our liturgies, to increase our spiritual offerings, to fortify the faith life of our families and community, to be an attractive place where people feel welcome and open to share their faith journey with others. Our Family and Youth Minister has exciting plans to continue growing our involvement this year and our Director of Religious Education is looking to engage the children of our parish in new adventures.

It seems to me that we are growing younger with new and different families stepping up to volunteer and lead our churches but there is more to be done. Praying for a lessening of COVID restrictions this year, we ALL need to be coming back to the heart of worship, the Mass, and we need to be positive when talking about our parishes and inviting others to join us. If we are not growing then we are dying. Our heritage and tradition are strong but in 2022 we will need to set our sights on the future of our parishes and bring to them a new vitality. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our endeavors.

Fr. Dan



The following January couples celebrate their sacred love in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Thankyou for your witness to a faith-filled life together.

- January 7 Ron & Carol Stukerjurgan – 61st
- January 7 Darrell & Judy Adam – 61st
- January 8 Steve & Gerri Lyon – 50th

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.



Look for upcoming "Listening Sessions" in the parishes as we do our part for the Synod. Everyone's voice counts.

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. Contact Keith Gehling, 319-931-9308 to register.

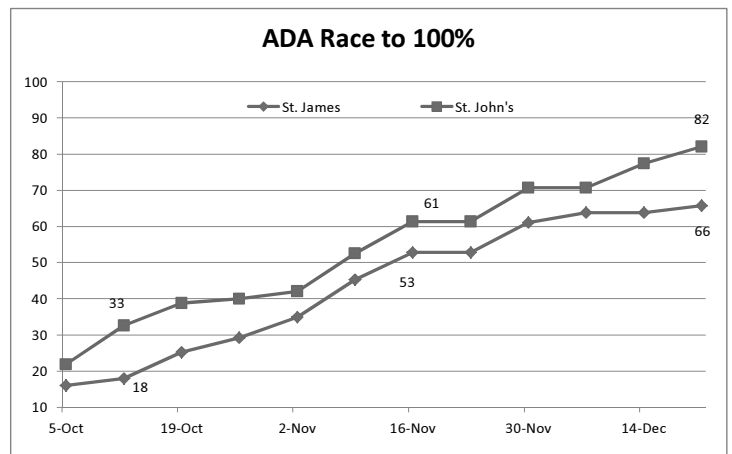


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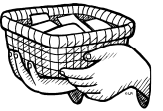


Open Our Hearts to Christ 2021-22 Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. John's pulls ahead and leads St. James by 16%. To meet our annual assessment, St. John needs \$1543 and St. James needs \$3660. 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!



St. James Parish Hall now taking event reservations. Contact Tim & Carol Snaadt 319.470.6671 or the parish office for pricing and availability.



Stewardship

For weekend of December 18-19

Your gifts to the Lord:

St James the Less:

Received: \$5,694

Budgeted: \$1,625

Received so far this year: \$46,556

Budgeted so far this year: \$40,625

St John the Baptist:

Received: \$2,236

Budgeted: \$1,605

Received so far this year: \$41,283

Budgeted so far this year: \$40,125

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!

Epiphany - January 2, 2022

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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.

On the Horizon:

- 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
- 1/15—Reconciliation 11AM-Noon @ S John
- 1/22—Reconciliation 11AM-Noon @ S James
- 1/24—HTC School Board 7PM @ HTC West Point
- 1/27—Finance Council both parishes 7PM @ 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?

Call the parish office today—welcome home!

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


**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Week of January 3—January 9

Monday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Rosina Sanders

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Marvin Merschman

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **St Paul** Kathy Walljasper

Thursday

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

Friday

8:30 p.m. Houghton NO MASS

Saturday

4:00 p.m. St Paul Albert & Viola Lampe

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Houghton Beverly Meierotto

Ministry Schedule for Jan. 8-9

St James the Less, Saturday 4pm

Servers: Noah & Isaiah Schinstock

Lector: Tommee Pelky

Ushers: Howard Steffensmeier, Albert Schinstock, VOLUNTEER

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannette Steffensmeier

Livestreamer: McKayla Schinstock

St John the Baptist, Sunday 9:30am

Lector: Tim Denning

Ushers: Frank Pieper, Leo Schinstock

Eucharist Minister: Rhonda Pieper

Livestreamers: Kinsley & Kohen

Mass Readings for this week

Read or listen online at bible.usccb.org

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-13/Ephes 3:2-6/Matt 2:1-12

Monday: I John 3:22—4:6/Psalms 2:7-12/Matthew 4:12-25

Tuesday: I John 4:7-10/Psalms 72:1-8/Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: I John 4:11-18/Psalms 72:1-13/Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: I John 4:19—5:4/Psalms 72:1-17/Luke 4:14-22

Friday: I John 5:5-13/Psalms 147:12-20/Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: I John 5:14-21/Psalms 149:1-9/John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-7/Psalms 29:1-10/Acts 10:34-38/Luke 3:15-22/Psalms 104:1-30/Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Luke 3:15-22

Watch our daily livestream of the Mass on Facebook

Listen to Catholic Radio on 97.7 FM or 98.3 in Ft Madison



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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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