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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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Weekdays See Inside

Sacraments

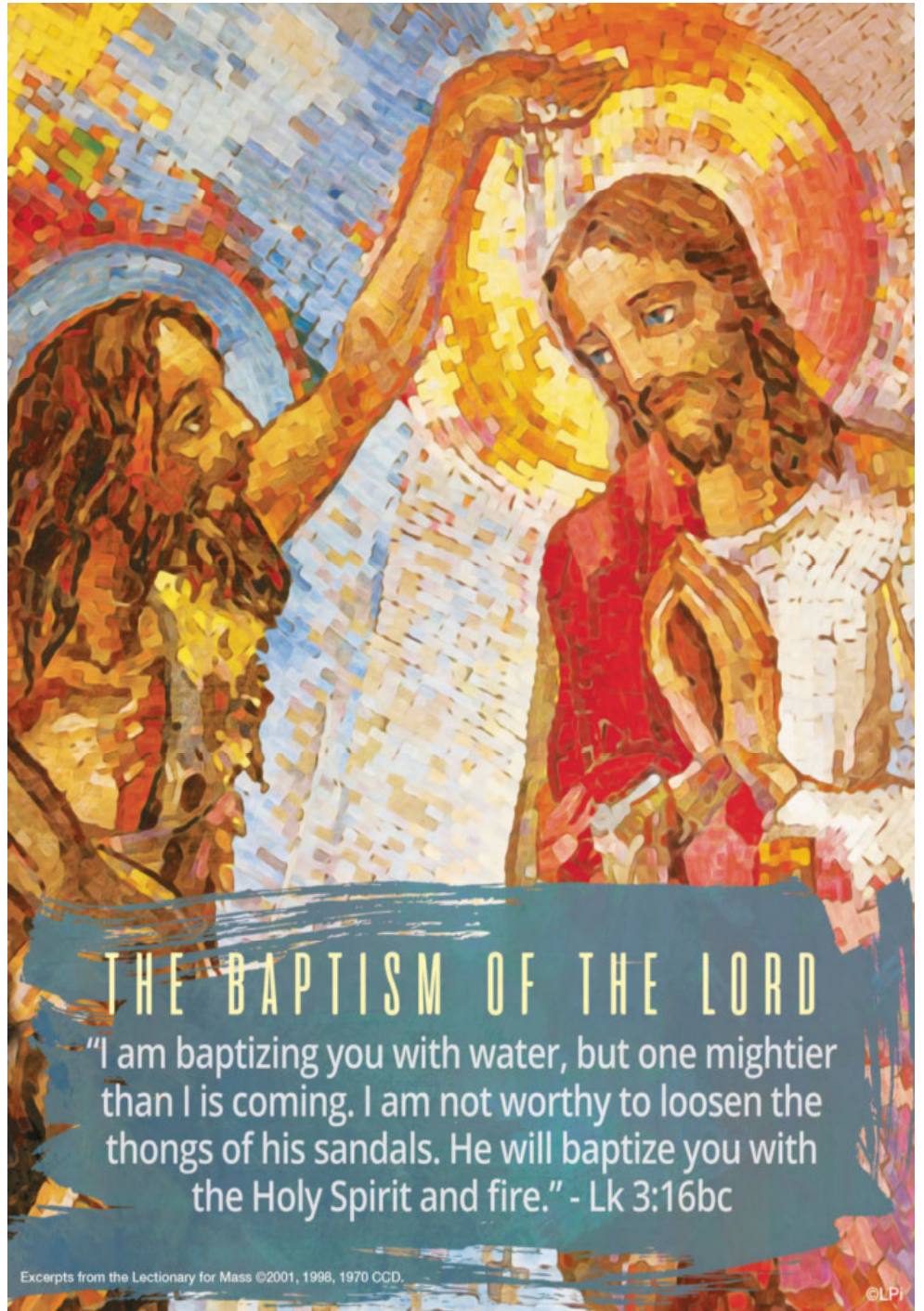
Reconciliation: Saturdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

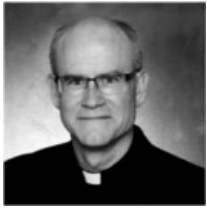
Baptism: We welcome all to become adopted children of God. Please contact the parish office to set a date and to register for Baptism Class if you have not done this in the past.

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD- JANUARY 9TH, 2022



Welcome to 2022!

Greetings, family of God:


I am currently away, getting reacquainted with my four children, 3 of whom I haven't seen since December 2019. My chance to see family this past December fell through when I came down with COVID-19, so I am excited to finally be able to hug my kin.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who remembered me this past Christmas season with cards and gifts. Your generosity is overwhelming and makes me feel loved. If I am not able to thank you individually, please know that my gratitude and prayers are yours.

I would like all men of the parish to consider the 7-day challenge which is part of the Exodus 90 nationwide program on becoming stronger men, better husbands and fathers for God (see details on the next page). I did the entire 90 day program while in Burlington and I know it can change your life for the better. Much better than a New Year's resolution. Join us.

I believe our Christmas celebrations went well, the music was great and our churches were again beautiful, thanks to those who volunteered to decorate. With 2022 off to a great start, I am hoping that the pandemic has less influence on our lives and that we can work together to grow our parishes, both in number and in Spirit. This past week I enjoyed sharing Mass at HTC High School and visiting all the HTC gradeschool rooms for an Epiphany blessing. I foresee wonderful things happening in our faith communities and in our hearts.

Fr. Dan



Pray to Protect Human Life!
Jan. 19-27

Sign up at 9daysforlife.com

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.


Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

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.

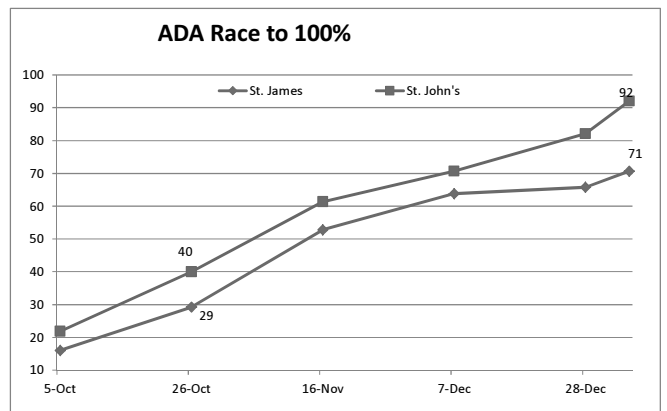
Open to all area students, ages 9-14, competing with your own age group. Registration opens at 2PM but pre-registration is encouraged through email. Contact Keith Gehling, 319-931-9308 to register.

Winners advance to state and national levels. Sponsored by the three local K of C councils.

Open Our Hearts to Christ 2021-22 Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. John's increases its lead over St. James to 21%. To meet our annual assessment, St. John needs \$683 and St. James needs \$3130. Out of 75 parishes in the diocese, St. John ranks 48th and St. James ranks 72nd. If you have not pledged yet 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.



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:

- 1/11—St James Parish Council 6:30 @ S James Hall
- 1/15—Reconciliation 11AM-Noon @ S John
- 1/15—Exodus Challenge kickoff mtg @ Aggies on the Square
- 1/16—Neon Fest, Youth Group Event 5PM @ St Paul Gym
- 1/21—HTC Homecoming
- 1/22—Reconciliation 11AM-Noon @ S James
- 1/24—HTC School Board 7PM @ HTC West Point
- 1/26—KofC Free Throw Championship 2:15PM @ HTC in West Point
- 1/27—Finance Council both parishes 7PM @ S James Hall

January is Respect Life Month

“A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope.”
—Saint Pope John Paul II

Happy Anniversary

The following January couples celebrate their sacred love in the Sacrament of Matrimony, having been married 50 or more years. 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

Join a 7-day Challenge with men from our Parishes

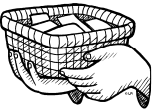


ARE YOU READY FOR MORE?

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 January 1-2 Your gifts to the Lord:

St James the Less:

Received: \$1,439.50

Budgeted: \$1,625

Received so far this year: \$50,496

Budgeted so far this year: \$43,875

St John the Baptist:

Received: \$1,396.50

Budgeted: \$1,605

Received so far this year: \$45,838

Budgeted so far this year: \$41,730

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!

Baptism of the Lord - January 09, 2022

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

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 January 10-16

Monday

NO MASS

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Don Boeding

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **Houghton** Viola Hunold

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Tony Nimtz

Friday

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

Saturday

4:00 p.m. St Paul Adrian Overberg

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Houghton Mike Menke

Ministry Schedule for Jan. 15-16

St James the Less, Saturday 4pm

Servers: Nick Menke & VOLUNTEER

Lector: Anne Menke

Ushers: Howard Steffensmeier

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Baker

Livestreamer: Emma Menke

St John the Baptist, Sunday 9:30am

Lector: Marcia Kruse

Ushers: John Kruse, Tom Jacobsmeier

Eucharist Minister: Mary Ann Moeller

Livestreamers: Jessica Moore

Mass Readings for this week

Read or listen online at bible.usccb.org

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

Mon: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/Psalms 116:12-19/Mark 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/1 Samuel 2:1-8/Mark 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Samuel 3:1-20/Psalms 40:2-10/Mark 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/Psalms 44:10-25/Mark 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Samuel 8:4-22/Psalms 89:16-19/Mark 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Samuel 9:1-19; 10:1/Psalms 21:2-7/Mark 2:13-17

Sun: Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalms 96:1-10/1 Corinthians 12:4-11/
John 2:1-11

Watch our daily livestream of the Mass on Facebook

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



Parish Contacts

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

Presented by In Via Youth Ministry
Sunday January 16th 5-8PM
St. Paul Gym

NEON *Fest*

All you can eat Pizza
Hang with other area youth groups
Karaoke, Dodgeball, Charades
Scavenger Hunt, Limbo, Twister
Wear neon gear and crazy hair
Go all out, glowsticks provided

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