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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

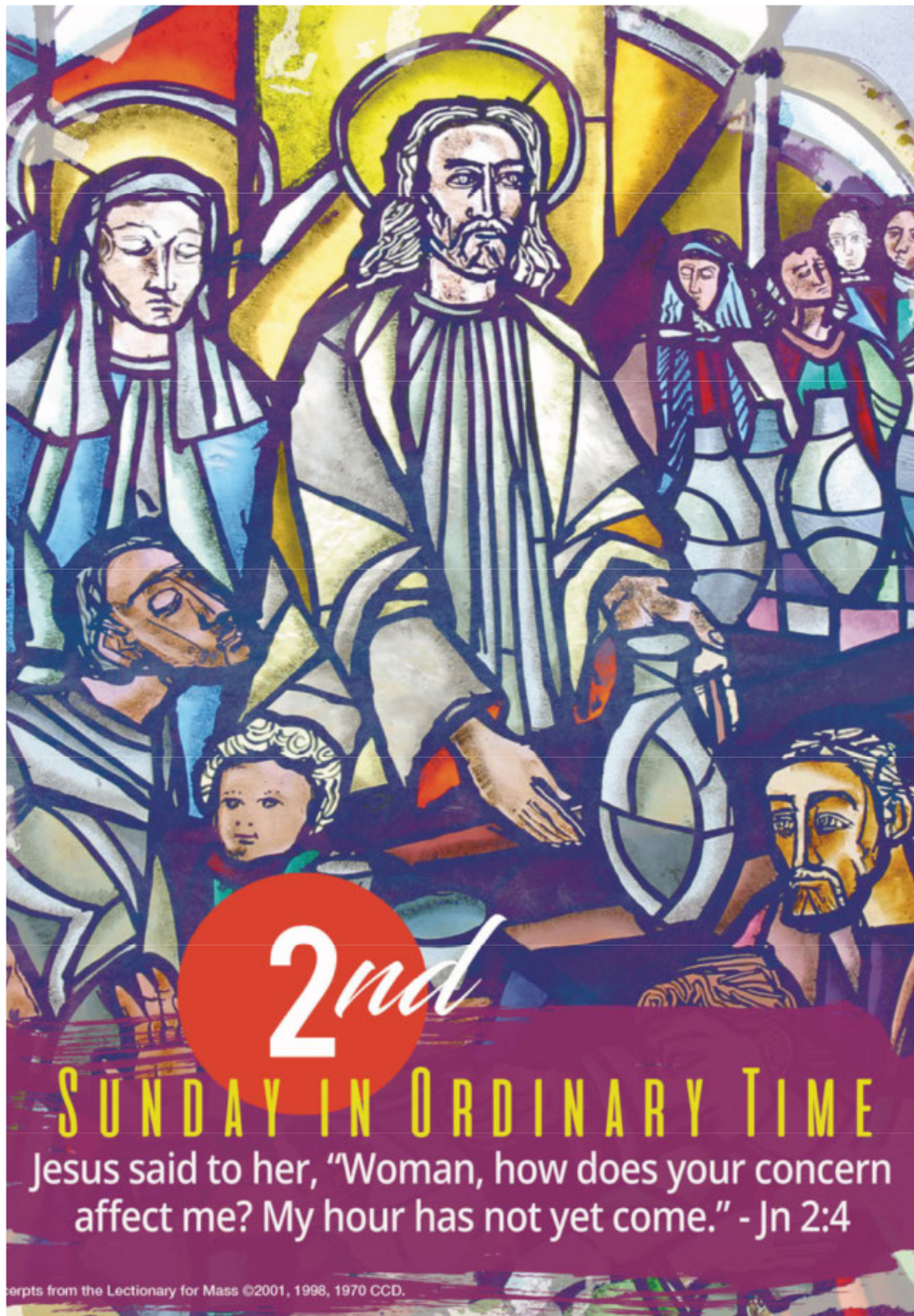
Reconciliation: Saturdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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.

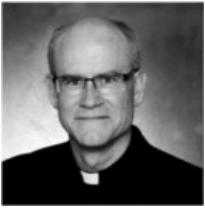
Marriage: For proper preparation, please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

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.



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD- JANUARY 16TH, 2022



How's it going?

So, we are a couple weeks into the new year. How's it going? Any New Year's resolutions still going strong? Don't despair. Lent is coming in a few weeks. If we can't improve ourselves for our own sake, maybe we can do it for God. He made us for greatness. We all have it within us. "Be a saint. What else is there?" *Fr Dan*

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 Check it out!

Welcome new priest to our deanery!

As of the first of this year, Fr. Denis Hatungimana of Tanzania has been assigned as a Parochial Vicar to Divine Mercy Parish in Burlington. As part of the Keokuk Deanery, we may see Fr. Denis at deanery events, Catholic school events, and at communal penance services in our area.



Fr. Denis graduated in December from St. Ambrose University with a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership, which he hopes to put to use helping our diocese. If you see him while you are out and about, please extend a cordial welcome.



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.

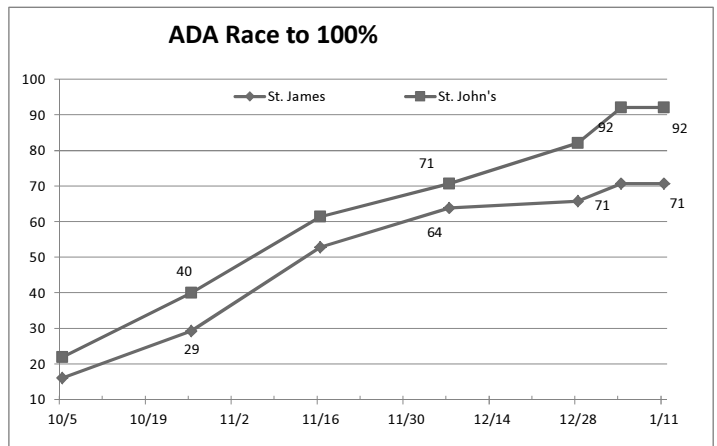
Open to all area students, ages 9-14, competing with your own age group. Registration opens at 2PM but pre-registration is encouraged through email. Contact Keith Gehling, 319-931-9308 to register.



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

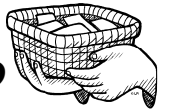
Open Our Hearts to Christ 2021-22 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Both parishes reported no increase over last week. A few more pledges is all we need. 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.



Stewardship

For weekend of January 8-9

Your gifts to the Lord:

St James the Less:

Received: \$3,935.75

Budgeted: \$1,625

Received so far this year: \$54,432

Budgeted so far this year: \$45,500

St John the Baptist:

Received: \$5,537.75

Budgeted: \$1,605

Received so far this year: \$52,773

Budgeted so far this year: \$44,940

On the Horizon:

- 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
- 1/30-2/5—Catholic Schools Week
- 2/3—Blessing of throats after 8:30AM Mass

January is Respect Life Month Anti-Catholicism and Abortion

You do not have to be Catholic (or even religious) to know that medical and scientific evidence confirms that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. Moreover, everyone can understand that each human being—without discrimination—merits dignity and respect. At the very least, respecting human life must exclude the deliberate and direct destruction of life—and that is exactly what abortion is.

However, the fact is that no institution has stood up against the abortion industry more than the Catholic Church. The Church has consistently and will continue to teach that abortion is evil, whether its words are popular or unpopular, politically correct or incorrect, because the "values" of different cultures may change from time to time, but the truth does not change.

Pro-abortionists disparage Catholicism because it is the bulwark against abortion, just as the communists vilified Catholicism because it was a bulwark against communism.

Bernard Nathanson, a renowned and reformed abortionist, admitted that **demonizing the Catholic Church was a specific tactic of the pro-abortion movement.** He stated, "We systematically vilified the Catholic Church and its 'socially backward ideas'.....We fed the media such **lies** as 'we all know that opposition to abortion comes from the hierarchy and not from most Catholics'.....and that Catholics in favor of abortion are enlightened and forward looking".

What is even more disturbing about Nathanson's statement is that the pro-abortion propaganda fed to the mainstream media is uncritically accepted by it.

As Catholics, we must stand together to fight the evil of abortion through prayer and activity (demonstrations, communicating with law-makers) that promotes the dignity of ALL human life.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

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.

Join a 7-day Challenge with men from our Parishes

EXODUS

The EXODUS begins Jan. 16
Attention men! If you want your life to look different then take action and start living different. Journey with your parish brothers to freedom.

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


**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Week of January 17-23

Monday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Clyde Thompson

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Dan Mertens

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **St Paul** Marge Stuecker

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Eileen & Victor Pietz

Friday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Bernard Overberg

Saturday

4:00 p.m. St Paul Jeanne Steffensmeier

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Houghton Donald Pieper

Ministry Schedule for Jan. 22-23

St James the Less, Saturday 4pm

Servers: Noah & Isaiah Schinstock

Lector: Reva Merschman

Ushers: Brian Merschman, Howard Steffensmeier, Albert Schinstock

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannette Steffensmeier

Livestreamer: McKayla Schinstock

St John the Baptist, Sunday 9:30am

Lector: Diane Tone

Ushers: Leo Schinstock, Ken Schinstock

Eucharist Minister: Ronda Schinstock

Livestreamers: VOLUNTEER

Mass Readings for this week

Read or listen online at bible.usccb.org

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

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/Psalms 50:8-23/Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/Psalms 89:20-28/Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-51/Psalms 144:1-10/Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Psalms 56:2-13/Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/Psalms 57:2-11/Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-27/Psalms 80:2-7/Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4-10/Psalms 19:8-15/
1 Corinthians 12:12-30/ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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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Kaye Conrad, St. James.....319/469-6411
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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