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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

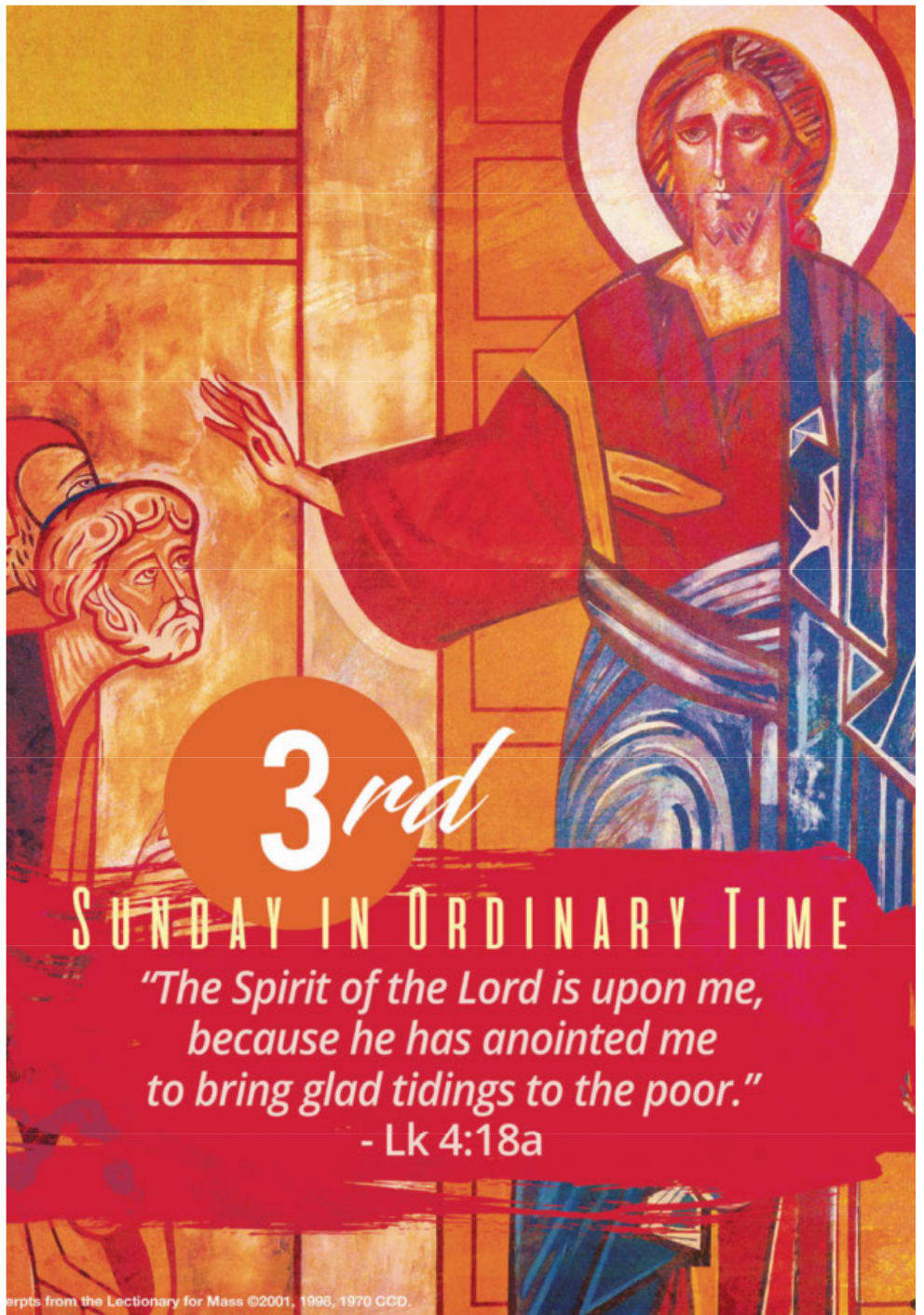
Reconciliation: Saturdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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.



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The Catholic Messenger

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SATURDAY APRIL 9TH, 7-11PM
ST. JAMES PARISH HALL

GOSPEL MEDITATION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things

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.

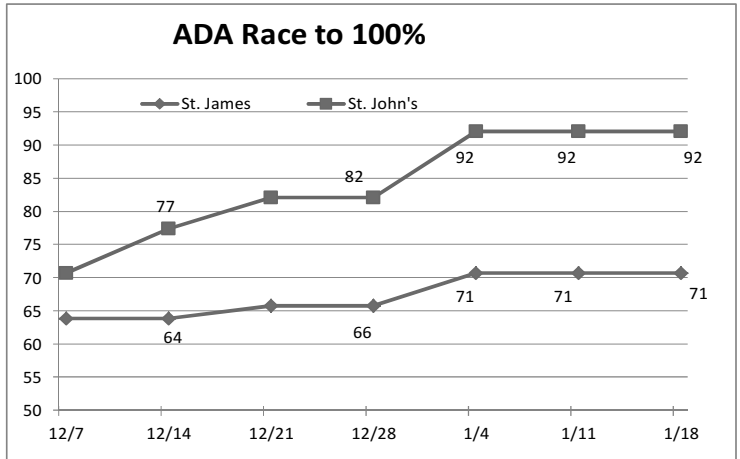
Open to all area students, ages 9-14, competing with your own age group. Registration opens at 2PM but pre-registration is encouraged through email. Contact Keith Gehling, 319-931-9308 to register.



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

Though the appeal continues, it looks like both our parishes have given up short of the goal. Thank you to everyone who has pledged. There is still time before the parish has to pay the balance. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the churches.



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:

- 1/22—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
- 2/2—HTC All Schools Mass @ S Mary's West Point
- 2/3—S Blaise Blessing of throats after 8:30AM Mass
- 2/3—St John Parish Council 6:30PM @ Rectory
- 2/4—KofC Fish Fry
- 2/20—First Reconciliation Service

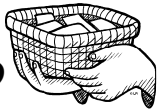
January is Respect Life Month Abortion Is a Women's Issue

- Those that are “pro-choice” put forward the notion that abortion is the prime example of a “woman's issue”.
- This not only over-simplifies the issue and is sexist, but it also ignores the biological reality that every time an expectant mother “chooses” to abort her baby, she is also terminating the life of a father's child.
- This attitude also ignores the vitally important role men play in abortion. The overwhelming majority of people who carry out abortions and make a living from it, are men. Also, the sad fact is that abortion permits men to be sexually irresponsible since they will not get pregnant and the decision to abort precludes them from having to pay child support.
- Studies show that abortion is not about a woman's freedom to choose according to her conscience, but most women decide to proceed against their consciences. Statistics suggest that in around 95% of cases, the male partner played a crucial role in the decision and up to 60% of the time, abortions are coerced upon women by dominating or abusive partners. A former security guard at a clinic testified that women were routinely threatened by men, who escorted them to the clinic to make sure they underwent their scheduled abortions.
- If you have any doubt as to whether abortion empowers women, look at the faces of expectant mothers entering abortion clinics. What you will see is fear, desperation, sadness and resignation. Women deserve better!

—Pro-Life Articles



Stewardship



For weekend of January 15-16 Our gifts to the Lord:

St James the Less:

Received: \$708

Budgeted: \$1,625

Received so far this year: 55,140

Budgeted so far this year: 47,125

St John the Baptist:

Received: \$1,164

Budgeted: \$1,605

Received so far this year: 53,936

Budgeted so far this year: 46,545

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from I Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

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 24-30

Monday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Ethelreda Nichting

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Sr. M. Bernedette Mehmert

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **Houghton** Isaac Jocabmeier

Thursday

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

Friday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Walter & Barbara Kruse

Saturday

4:00 p.m. St Paul Leroy Menke & Troy Snaadt

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Houghton Larry C Dingman

Ministry Schedule for Jan. 29-30

St James the Less, Saturday 4pm

Servers: Kat DiPrima, Nick Menke

Lector: Joan Steffensmeier

Ushers: Larry Menke, Alan Menke

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Menke

Livestreamer: Emma Menke

St John the Baptist, Sunday 9:30am

Lector: Karen Cavanaugh

Ushers: Gary Thompson, Harold Holtkamp

Eucharist Minister: Gale Thompson

Livestreamers: Joan Holtkamp

Mass Readings for this week

Read or listen online at bible.usccb.org

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

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-10/Psalms 89:20-26/Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16/Psalms 117: 1-2/Mark 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8/ Psalms 89:4-30/Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-29/Psalms 132:1-14/Mark 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-17/Psalms 51:3-11/Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-17/Psalms 51:12-17/Mark 4:35-41

Next Sun: Jeremiah 1:4-19/Psalms 71:1-17/1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

**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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Elementary School

413 Avenue C, PO Box 39, West Point, IA 52656
Elementary Principal.....Amy Kies Bautista



In Via's first Neon Fest was awesome! 60 youth attended the event where we had a dodgeball tournament, karaoke contest, Twister, cornhole tournament, and pizza. Several youth joined us for their first time. At the end of the evening we enjoyed some uplifting Christian worship videos, two Scripture readings, a youth skit called, "I am a Christian," and Nathan shared the story of the Prodigal Son, and how God will never reject us. (See more on In Via's Facebook page)

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