

St. James the Less & St. John the Baptist

ST. PAUL · HOUGHTON · IOWA ·

St. James the Less

2044 Locust Street, St. Paul, IA 52657

St. John the Baptist

105 Main Street, Houghton, IA 52631

Pastor **Fr. Dan Dorau**
doraud@diodav.org

Administrative Assts. **Joan Holtkamp**
houghtonstjohnfin@diodav.org

Robyn Conrad
sjmjnsph@iowatelecom.net

Parish Office/Rectory

205 Denning, P.O. Box 100
Houghton, IA 52631-0100

Office Hours:

M, T, W, & F 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone 319/469-2001

Fr. Dan's Cell & Emergencies 260/433-4501

Website stji.weconnect.com

Religious Education

..... Dixie Booten

Phone 319/837-6808 or (cell) 319/371-5043

E-Mail westpointstmarydre@diodav.org

Family & Youth Ministry

..... Nathan Clark

Phone 319/837-6808 or (cell) 319/669-9075

E-Mail westpointstmaryym@diodav.org

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

St. Paul Feb, Mar, June, July, Oct, Nov

Weekdays See Inside

Sacraments

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

1st & 3rd at St John's in Houghton

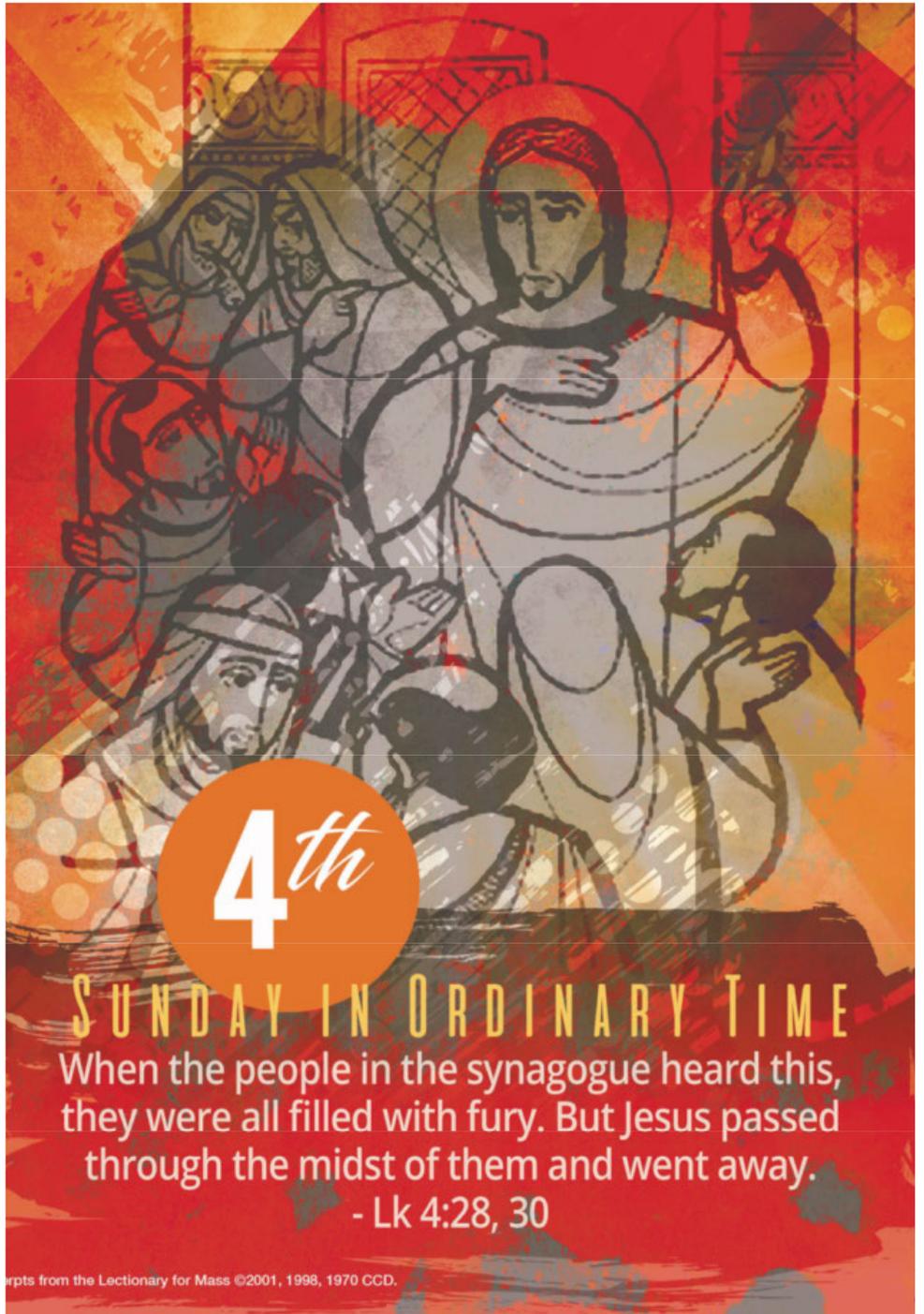
2nd & 4th at St James in St. Paul

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.



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

- Lk 4:28, 30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- JANUARY 30, 2022

The Catholic Messenger

The “good news” newspaper

The *Catholic Messenger* nourishes your family with food for thought and keeps you informed weekly with diocesan news, special features, syndicated columnists, opinions, national and world news, along with happenings in our Catholic schools. You'll learn from the teachings and letters of Bishop Zinkula and *Catholic Messenger Conversations* podcasts with the Bishop. Subscribe through your parish – print or e-edition – just \$29! Check out the e-edition at no charge Jan. 27 to Feb. 27. Go to our website,

www.catholicmessenger.net

and click on the e-edition button.

FORMED

FREE for parishioners!

Formed is a video and audio streaming service with great Catholic media to enhance your faith journey. Call the office for free sign in information or click on the link on our website.

Grow in faith while you drive with Catholic podcasts

MEDITATION FOR THE 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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.



CONGRATULATIONS EXODUS FRATERNITY MEN!!!

Congratulations to the 19 men from our parishes who joined our Exodus fraternity and completed a 7 Day Challenge this past week! The challenges consisted of a daily scripture reading and reflection, 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer, abstaining from a specific thing such as media, snacks, alcohol or taking cold showers. Each man wrote a “Why” which explained their motivation for taking the 7-Day Challenge, and how they hoped to start experiencing a personal change in their life to be of better service to both God and others.

If you are interested in joining the Exodus fraternity for future challenges contact Nathan, (319)-669-9075.

Cleaning Help Wanted

St. John’s is once again looking to hire someone to clean the church, parish offices, and rectory. Approximately 4 hours per week. No experience necessary. Please contact Fr. Dan if you or someone you know may be interested.

College Summer Adventure!

College students are invited to share their faith this summer as Totus-Tuus Missionaries, traveling to parishes in our diocese. To learn about this opportunity, requirements and pay, visit www.davenportdiocese.org/totus-tuus or contact the vocations office at the diocese.

Open Our Hearts to Christ 2021-22 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Though the appeal continues, both our parishes still need a few more pledges to meet their goal. Both parishes made their goal last year. 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.

On the Horizon:

- 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
- 2/5—Right to Life Mass 8:30AM @
- 2/20—First Reconciliation Service
- 2/6—InVia Youth Group 6PM @ S Mary West Point



Come Together, Be Pro-Life, Not Pro-Death

Americans are so blessed to live in the U.S. Yet, there are those who abuse the privilege time and time again. That's not the way God wants us to live. Review His Ten Commandments because one day each one of us will be judged by them. The most important one is to love God and the rest will fall in place - to honor your parents - do

not kill - do not commit adultery - do not steal. These are but a few of them. What gives anyone the right to steal? Nothing! Their property, car, identity, etc. is theirs' only. What is so hard to understand about thou shalt not kill? It simply means don't kill anyone!

Unfortunately, we have a law that allows abortion of our tiniest human beings. Since 1973, 63 million babies have been murdered in the wombs of their mothers. There are some who say it is just 'tissue.' Any woman who has had a baby knows this is not true - it is a human being - a God-given baby. The people and doctors who work in the abortion clinics know it's a baby, too, if they would just admit it!

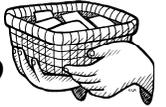
We need to have our president, judges, senators and representatives make a new law condemning abortion. We should all be pro-life, not pro-death.

We need Republicans and Democrats to come together to work for the good of our country on this life-and-death issue and on all our country's issues. —Ruth Weber, Davenport, Iowa

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "Yes" and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen



Stewardship



For weekend of January 22-23

Our gifts to the Lord:

St James the Less:

Received: \$1,034

Budgeted: \$1,625

Received so far this year: 56,174

Budgeted so far this year: 48,750

St John the Baptist:

Received: \$637

Budgeted: \$1,605

Received so far this year: 54,574

Budgeted so far this year: 48,150

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 30, 2022

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

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 31– February 6

Monday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Rita Menke

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul Bill Jordan

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Houghton Mary Krogmeier

Friday

8:30 a.m. St. Paul People of Our Parishes

Saturday

4:00 p.m. St Paul Mark Spinner

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Houghton Kathy Walljasper

Ministry Schedule for February 5&6

St John the Baptist, Saturday 4pm

Lector: Diane Tone

Ushers: Ken Schinstock, Glenn Steffensmeier

Eucharist Minister: Sally Denning

Livestreamers: Ann Steffensmeier

St James the Less, Sunday 9:30am

Servers: Noah & Isaiah Schinstock

Lector: Lori Mueller

Ushers: Howard Steffensmeier, Mike Mueller,

Loren Menke

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannette Steffensmeier

Livestreamer: Sarah & Rachel Menke

Mass Readings for this week

Read or listen online at bible.usccb.org

Sunday: Jeremiah 1:4-19/Psalms 71:1-17/1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-30; 16:5-13/Psalms 3:2-7/Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-30—19:3/Psalms 86:1-6/Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: Maliah 3:1-4/Psalms 24:7-10/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40
Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-12/1 Chronicles 29:10-12/Mark 6:7-13
Friday: Sirach 47:2-11/Psalms 18:31-51/Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13/Psalms 119:9-14/Mark 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8/Psalms 138:1-8/1 Corinthians 15:1-11/
Luke 5:1-11

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



HOUGHTON ST. PAUL PARISH OR
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOUGHTON.PARISHOFFICE

WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://STJJ.WECONNECT.COM](https://stjj.weconnect.com)

Parish Contacts

St. James the Less Lay Directors

Dan Kempker319/470-0370
Brian Merschman.....319/469-6400

St. James the Less Parish Council

D.J. DiPrima, President319/572-6461
Stephanie Schinstock, Secretary.....319/931-4471
Jessica Menke.....319/470-1784
Sandy Mohrfeld319/371-5937
Mike Mueller319/931-5620
Mike Sporkman319/837-0029

St. John the Baptist Lay Directors

Gary Thompson.....319/470-2488
Frank Pieper319/470-3451

St. John the Baptist Parish Council

Tim Denning, President.....319/469-7917
Beth Menke, Secretary.....319/470-9666
Sally Denning319/931-7622
Miles Wellman.....319/470-0287

Prayer Chain

Kaye Conrad, St. James.....319/469-6411
319/470-2257
Florence Thompson, St. John.....319/931-1786

.....
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!

.....



Holy Trinity Catholic School, Inc.

Jr./Sr. High School

2600 Avenue A, Ft. Madison, IA 52627
Chief Administrator/HS PrincipalCraig Huebner
Phone.....319/372-2486

Elementary School

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



STEFFENSMEIER BROS.
REPAIR & FABRICATION
1304 Lee Henry St. • Hillsboro, IA 52630
Doug Steffensmeier Glenn Steffensmeier
(319) 931-7468 (319) 931-8133

J.J. NIGHTING COMPANY
FARMALL COUNTRY SINCE 1927
CASE IH
Equipment Sales Parts & Service
1342 Pilot Grove Road 707 E. Winfield Ave
Pilot Grove, IA 52648 Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641
(319) 469-4461 (319) 385-3314
www.jjnighting.com caseih@jijnighting.com

SUGAR CREEK
Construction Company
Salem, IA
(319) 931-4862

Merschman Tax & Accounting
www.merschtax.com
Laura Merschman
President
319.837.6550 Ph 319.837.6801 FAX

KILJ
www.kilj.com
kiljradio@kilj.com
105.5 FM
1130 AM
2411 Radio Road • Mount Pleasant, IA 52641
Phone: 319-385-8728 • Fax: 319-385-4517

SONNY'S
Super Market
319-837-6126
Open Mon. - Sat. 7:30am-6:00pm
327 5th Street, West Point
(East side of the square)

Get the customized **PLASTIC PARTS & PROFILES** you want!
Stuke Iowa
Stuke Iowa
1498 Highway 16
Houghton, IA, 52631
+1-319-469-2430
www.stuke.us

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.
Buy a bulletin ad space today!

VANCE LAW OFFICE
Michael C. Vance
101 N. Jefferson St.
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641
Ph (319) 385-3736

Donnellson Chiropractic Clinic, P.C.
Rhonda Maassen, D.C.
(319) 835-9011
616 Madison Ave.
Donnellson, IA 52625
Mon. & Thurs. 10-6pm
Tue. 8-4:30pm • Fri. 8am-3pm

Tim's TV & Satellite
412 MAIN ST - HOUGHTON, IA
319-469-7917
TV & SATELLITE SALES & SERVICE DISH

AGRISOURCE, INC.
Grain Marketing • Brokerage Services • Crop Insurance
Keith Gehling • Marketing Specialist
(866) 472-4678 • West Point, IA 52656
www.agrisourceonline.com

GROW YOUR BUSINESS WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PARISH.
BODIES • BAKERY
Purchase a Bulletin Ad Today!

Schmitz
Funeral Homes and Monuments
"Committed to Caring"
319-837-6331
Donnellson • West Point • Farmington
www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com

The Kensington
Assisted Living and Memory Care Community
372-4233
2210 Avenue H, Fort Madison

CHEM GRO
IOWA 1-800-642-6325
ILLINOIS 1-800-543-2085
Serving the area's leading farmers since 1954

Melissa Peitz Broker Associate
COTTAGE REALTY LLC
118 S. Main • Mt. Pleasant, IA
office: 319.385.3243 cell: 319.750.7900
www.cottagerealty.com

Fullenkamp Insurance Agency, Inc
307 5th Street, West Point, IA 52656
(319) 837-6178 or 800-292-2208
www.fullenkampins.com
Offering insurance services since 1963.

Mt Hamill Elevator & Lumber
Building Materials • Cabinets
Counter Tops • Much More
1564 143rd St., Donnellson, IA
(800) 354-4567

Lee County Mutual Insurance Association
322 4th Street
West Point, Iowa 52656
319-837-6421 888-282-6421

Conrad American
HOUGHTON, IA.

BRAD HOLT KAMP
AUTOMOTIVE INC.
986-5193
907 E. WASHINGTON ST. • MT. PLEASANT, IA
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE • AUTO REPAIR
QUALITY WORK AT REASONABLE RATES

Sinclair Kramer's Sinclair
(319) 258-2756
108 S. Maple St. • Salem, IA 52649

RIVERSIDE COLLISION REPAIR
Free Estimates ASE Certified
Top Quality Work at Reasonable Prices
2596 Iowa Avenue Mt. Pleasant
319-986-5430

Moore Seed & Service
PIONEER
319-470-3635

Pilot Grove Savings Bank
Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender

PEOPLES MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
Kevin Overton, President • Gordon Brown, Vice President
Terra Pohren, Secretary/Treasurer
www.peoplesmutualins.com
619 Madison Ave. • Donnellson, IA 52625 • Ph 319-835-5312

RIVERSIDE COLLISION REPAIR
Free Estimates ASE Certified
Top Quality Work at Reasonable Prices
2596 Iowa Avenue Mt. Pleasant
319-986-5430

RJM AUTOMOTIVE
(319) 469-2271

SINCLAIR TRACTOR JOHN DEERE
405 Denning St., P.O. Box 66, Houghton, IA 52631
Phone: 319-469-2451
www.sinclairtractor.com
Striving to EARN Your Business Everyday

SULLIVAN AUCTIONEERS, LLC
(844) 847-2161
sold@sullivanauctioneers.com
www.SullivanAuctioneers.com

GROW YOUR BUSINESS BY PLACING AN AD HERE!

Menke & Company
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Income Tax Planning & Preparation, Business Record Keeping, Payroll, Auditing, Business Review
406 Avenue E., West Point, IA 52656
Tel 319.837.6042 • Fax 319.837.6043

Jacobsmeier Lawn Mowing
Tom & Debbie Jacobsmeier
1049 130th Ave • Hillsboro, IA 52630-9307
Cell: 319-931-6081
jacobsmeiert@gmail.com
Commercial • Residential • CRP Mowing • Hedge Trimming • Mole Treatment • Dethatching • Weed Feed • Gutter Cleaning • Insured

QUALITY FEEDS
St. Paul, Iowa
(319) 469-3167

Contact Terri Roe to place an ad today!
troe@4LPi.com or
(800) 950-9952 x5897

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Work-Life Balance • Paid Training
• Full-Time with Benefits • Some Travel
• Serve Your Community
Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass
Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!
www.ParishesOnline.com