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Mass Schedule

WeekendSaturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday.....Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

Holy Day.....8:30 am & 7:00 pm
(EXCEPT Christmas & New Year's)

Confessions.....Saturday 3:15-4:15 pm
Sunday & Weekdays 7:30-8:15 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. (except First Fridays) 9:00 am-10:05 am
Benediction
First Fridays, Mass at 8:30 am, 9:00-10:05 am
Benediction

Sacraments

Baptism

1. You must be a registered member of our parish.
2. Make an appointment to see the priest to discuss and participate in the baptismal preparation.
3. Schedule the baptism (time and date).

Marriage

1. Wedding arrangements need to be made six months in advance.
2. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish.
3. Call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

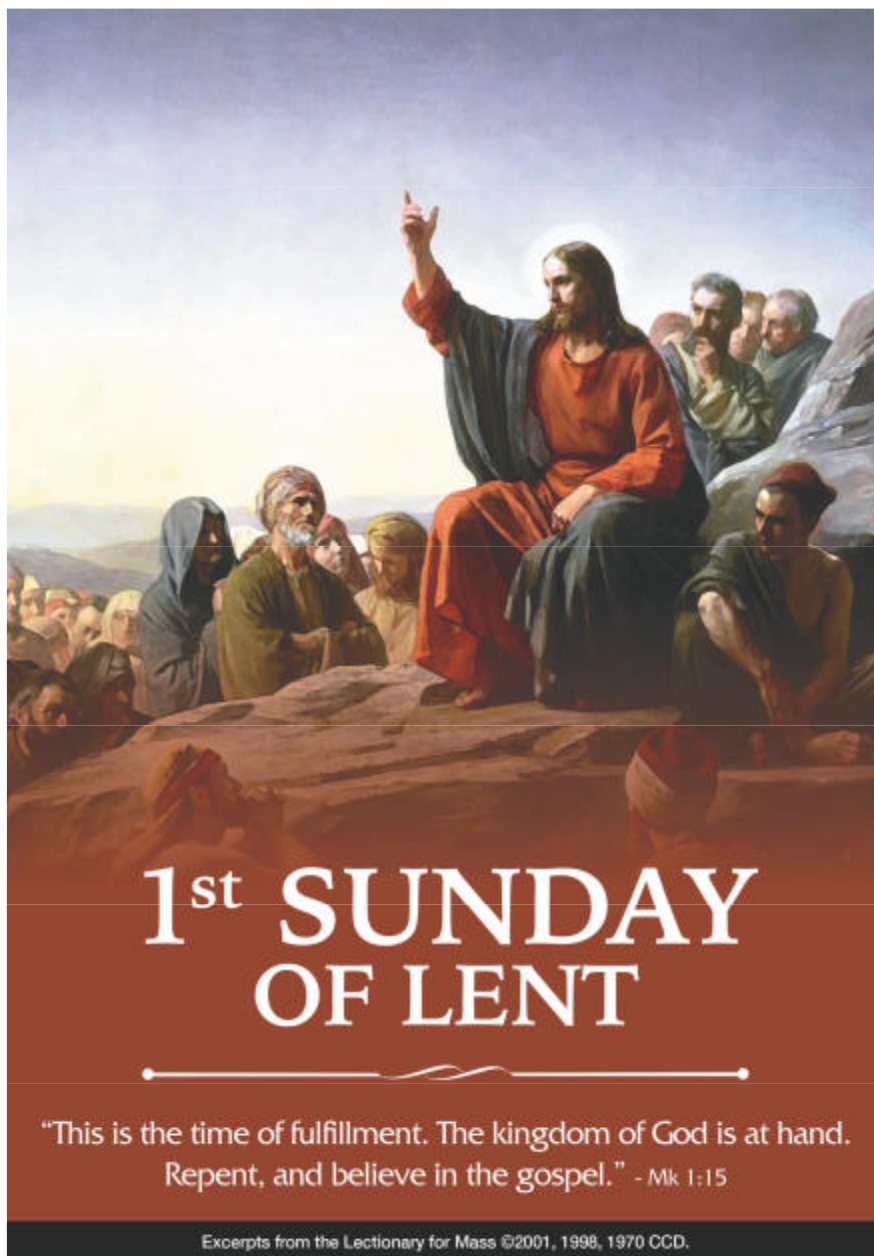
Please call the office if a loved one is seriously ill or in the hospital.

Ministry of Care

If you or a family member is ill, homebound, or unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit, please call the parish office or John Rood at 815-824-2518.

Bulletin Deadline

Items must be submitted to the parish office by 12:00 pm on Monday or the Friday preceding a holiday.



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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

The 1st Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we follow Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. It is from other gospels that we learn what those temptations were. They tell us Satan tempted Jesus to use his power in the wrong way, for selfish reasons, to gain an easy victory, an easy following- "Turn these stones into bread - cast yourself off the temple - bow down before me and I give you all kingdoms of the world." But, Jesus refused all of that. He had heard the voice of God at his baptism, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." And Jesus remembered who he was.

Do you remember who you are in moments of temptation, in your desert experiences? The beloved son and daughter of God. As St Catherine of Siena put it, "If you know who you are, you will set the world on fire." I need to remind myself of that every day. So as we follow Jesus in the desert He will help set us on fire for his kingdom.

Once a preacher at the closing of his service asked his congregation, "If we could compare the kingdom of God to a locomotive, what part would you like to be?" One person said, "Pastor, I would like to be the whistle and sound God's praises." Another said, "I'd like to be the wheel and just roll down the track." The preacher was not impressed by any of that. But, then one man said, "Pastor, I'd like to be the black coal and burn for Christ's sake!" And the preacher replied, "Brothers and sisters, we have enough whistles and wheels in the church now. We need more coal." No church ever moves forward if it is made up of whistles and wheels. Somebody has to be willing to burn for Jesus. What about it? Have you been traveling in the wilderness lately?

Lent is a time we follow Jesus in the desert so that we can burn like coal for Christ's sake. Temptations help us to do just that. When we triumph we can hear from God, "You're my beloved, you're redeemed by my grace." Have a blessed Lent!

~From the desk of Father Okoro



Liturgical Roles

Weekend of February 27th/28th

Sacristan:	4:30 pm	Sharlyn Larson
	8:30 am	Paul Aloisio
E.M.	4:30 pm	Sharlyn Larson
	8:30 am	Paul Aloisio
Lector:	4:30 pm	Pam Freund
	8:30 am	Caroline Bend
Ushers:	4:30 pm	Ben Herrmann, Francis Freund, Joe Bertang
	8:30 am	Logan Bend, Ellie Bend, Richard Ragan, Ray Ragan
Money Counters:		Saul Cardenas, Kathleen Kupp, Pat Assel
Linen Ministry:		Pam Freund
Altar Flowers:		Denise and Jan Houghtby
Minister of Care:		Joe Herrmann

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 20

4:30 pm Erwin Jungles †
By the Jungles Family

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am Therese "Terry" Dvorak †
By Mike & Pat Fulco

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 am Erwin Jungles †
By the Jungles Family

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 am Margaret Rice †
By Ken & Kathy Spears

Thursday, February 25

8:30 am Margaret Rice †
By Ken & Kathy Spears

Friday, February 26

5:30 pm Joseph Zilly †
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

Saturday, February 27

4:30 pm Joseph Weigel †
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am Our Parish Family

We have several openings for Mass intentions. Masses may be said for a loved one who has passed, as a gift for someone who is living, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. Please call



The red Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for:

Our Parish Family

Prayer Requests

Millie Anderson, Marguerite Armstrong, Lia Aspengren, Suzanne Bertrang, Jim & Dorothy Caracciolo, Patricia Carlson, Wilfred Cidlik, Ann Cox, Tony Crumpton, Phil Foster, Heather Fritsch, Delores George, Judy Hogan, Ed Houghtby, David Mibm, Jan Mueller, Mary Mueller, Cydney Park, Gladys Schnorr, Betsy Todd, Janet Weigel.



Readings for the week of February 21, 2021
Sun: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Tue: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Stewardship of Treasure
84 Registered Families
Week of February 13th/14th
 Needed each week in 2020-21 \$2,520.00
 Rcvd.....\$1,540.55
 Loss for the week.....\$ 979.45

Fiscal Year-to-Date (34 weeks)
 Needed (at \$2,520.00/week).....\$85,680.00
 Received for the fiscal year to date.....\$82,570.82
 Loss to Date **\$ 3,109.18**

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Upcoming Events

Sat 2/20 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
Sun 2/21 (8:30 am) Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) RE at St. James Hall after Mass
Tue 2/23 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Wed 2/24 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(9:00 am) Eucharistic Adoration
Thu 2/25 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Fri 2/26 (5:30 pm) Daily Mass
(6:00 pm) Stations of the Cross
Sat 2/27 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
Sun 2/28 (8:30 am) Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) RE at Home after Mass
Tue 3/1 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Wed 3/2 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(9:00 am) Eucharistic Adoration
Thu 3/3 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Fri 3/4 (5:30 pm) Daily Mass
(6:00 pm) Stations of the Cross



The Sacraments

The great sacraments of our Church have endured for thousands of years. Everything in the Church's life comes from and returns to them. But there is far more to these ancient rites than meets the eye.

Join us for this year's Parish Mission.

"The Sacraments", a video series by
 Bishop Robert Barron, at **St. James Church,**
March 2nd - March 4th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

"The Sacraments are the most important things in the world. They are the privileged ways in which Christ continues to be present to His people and share His life with them. They are not just symbols, they are encounters with Christ." Bishop Robert Barron



Birthdays

Bill Weigel 2/20
 Marlene Prestegaard 2/23
 Jack Hart 2/26

Anniversary

Allan & Marlene Prestegaard 2/24 53 yrs

The Rosary is a spiritual weapon in the struggle against evil.

Thirty minutes before every Mass the Rosary is recited for the healing of our families, marriages, relationships and parish-ioner intentions.

We invite you to join us as we gather to pray the Rosary.



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Choir Practice

Choir practices for Holy Week will be:

Wed, March 10
 Wed, March 16
 Wed, March 24

All practices will begin at 7pm. All are welcomed.

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