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Mass Schedule

Weekend Saturday 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.



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:21

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The 4th Sunday of Lent

It's Joyful (Laetare) Sunday because we are halfway through Lent. Joy is the mark of this Sunday's worship. We are being renewed this Lent by God's grace that flows through our commitment to shape us spiritually.

Jesus told Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Supreme Court that he must experience rebirth in order to inherit the kingdom of God and the joy of fellowship. Rebirth into the kingdom? That raised lots of questions for Nicodemus. It raises questions for us, too. "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus said that spiritual rebirth into the kingdom of God comes from water and the Spirit. Baptism and faith give rebirth. Baptism begins the process of rebirth. Faith continues that process.

Rebirth means that our lives are renewed by the Holy Spirit so that the whole world hears the gospel of Jesus Christ and be saved.

Some 5 years ago, I attended a Saturday charismatic prayer meeting in Rochelle. That was my first time of such meeting here in the country. I loved the atmosphere, the camaraderie and the hospitality accorded to me by members. I found them very enthusiastic with what they were doing, praying and singing. I loved the music and shared in the joy of their fellowship.

Then came the time for rendering of prophetic words. Someone said, "there is someone here who is doubtful of God's love for him. God wants you to know that He loves you, you need to trust him more." There were other prophetic utterances that I cannot recall but this one I just shared spoke to me. I rose up and said it was me. Then everybody gathered around me and prayed over me. What a powerful experience. I felt so joyful and reassured of God's love ever since then. Each time I am tempted to doubt of God's love for me, I will always recall that prayer session that Spring morning. I felt renewed.

So renewed life through the Holy Spirit not only means receiving an unbelievable gift from God; it also means letting God stick out by giving our witness that the world may know the power of God's love. Rebirth is expressed by the Christian who is renewed by the power of God through the Holy Spirit. Rejoice!

~From the desk of Father Okoro

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of March 20th/21th

Sacristan:	4:30 pm	Sarah Treadway
	8:30 am	Paul Aloisio
E.M.	4:30 pm	Sarah Treadway
	8:30 am	Paul Aloisio
Lector:	4:30 pm	Pam Freund
	8:30 am	Angel Monarrez
Ushers:	4:30 pm	Ben Herrmann, Francis Freund, Joe Bertrang
	8:30 am	Logan Bend, Caroline Bend, Ellie Bend, Jim Fritsch, Jesse Monarrez
Money Counters:		Pat Assel, Bob Hickey, Jan Schnorr
Linen Ministry:		Anne Hart
Altar Flowers:		Denise and Jan Houghtby
Minister of Care:		Joe Herrmann

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 13

4:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 14

8:30 am Steve Voris †
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 am Erwin Jungels †
By Denny & Bobby Hahn

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 am Ray & Francis Hartman †
By Gen Thorson

Thursday, March 18

8:30 am Mother of Vicki Scull †
By Joe & Donna Herrmann

Friday, March 19

5:30 pm Sandy Olson
By Joe & Donna Herrmann

Saturday, March 20

4:30 pm Erwin Jungels †
By Cathy Saelens

Sunday, March 21

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 parish office to schedule Masses.



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 for:

St. James Religious Education Students

Prayer Requests

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

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Stewardship of Treasure

**84 Registered Families
 Week of March 6th/7th**

Needed each week in 2020-21 \$2,520.00
 Rcvd.....\$1,885.60
 Loss for the week.....\$ 634.40

Fiscal Year-to-Date (37 weeks)

Needed (at \$2,520.00/week).....\$93,240.00
 Received for the fiscal year to date.....\$87,919.02
 Loss to Date **\$ 5,320.98**

Thank you for your generosity!



“Pulled Pork”

Drive Through Dinner

Sunday, March 21, 2021

2:00-4:00pm

St. James Church, Lee IL



Two sandwiches, sauce, baked beans, and cole slaw.

Purchase tickets from a Knight or that day.

\$12.00 Donation

Upcoming Events

- Sat 3/13 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
- Sun 3/14 (8:30 am) **Sunday Mass**
(9:30 am) **RE at Home after Mass**
- Tue 3/16 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(7:00 pm) Choir Practice
- Wed 3/17 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(9:00 am) **Eucharistic Adoration**
- Thu 3/18 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
- Fri 3/19 (5:30 pm) Daily Mass
(6:00 pm) Stations of the Cross
- Sat 3/20 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
- Sun 3/21 (8:30 am) **Sunday Mass**
(9:30 am) **No RE - Spring Break**
(2:00 pm) Knights of Columbus Pulled Pork Dinner
- Tue 3/23 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
- Wed 3/24 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(9:00 am) **Eucharistic Adoration**
(7:00 pm) Choir Practice

13 DAY HOLY LAND & JORDAN PILGRIMAGE



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Choir Practice

Choir practices for Holy Week will be:

Tue, March 16
 Wed, March 24

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

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.



Birthdays

Tom Loes 3/15 Amber Schnabel 3/18
 Jeff Rood 3/16

Anniversary

Alvie & Sue Crumpton 3/17 59 yrs



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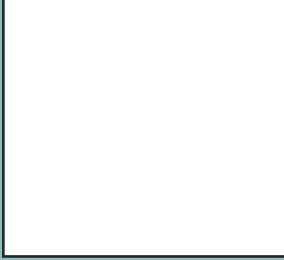

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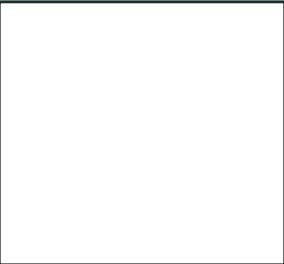
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