



# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Directory

**Parish Office**.. 815-824-2053...Fax 815-824-2043

Hours ..... Mon, Wed & Fri: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tues & Thurs: Call for appointment.

E-mail ..... stjames@heartlandcable.com

**Rectory** .....815-824-2004

**Emergency** ... (Father Okoro's cell) 815-519-9013

**Coordinator of Religious Education,**

Deacon George Schramm.....815-824-2053

## 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.

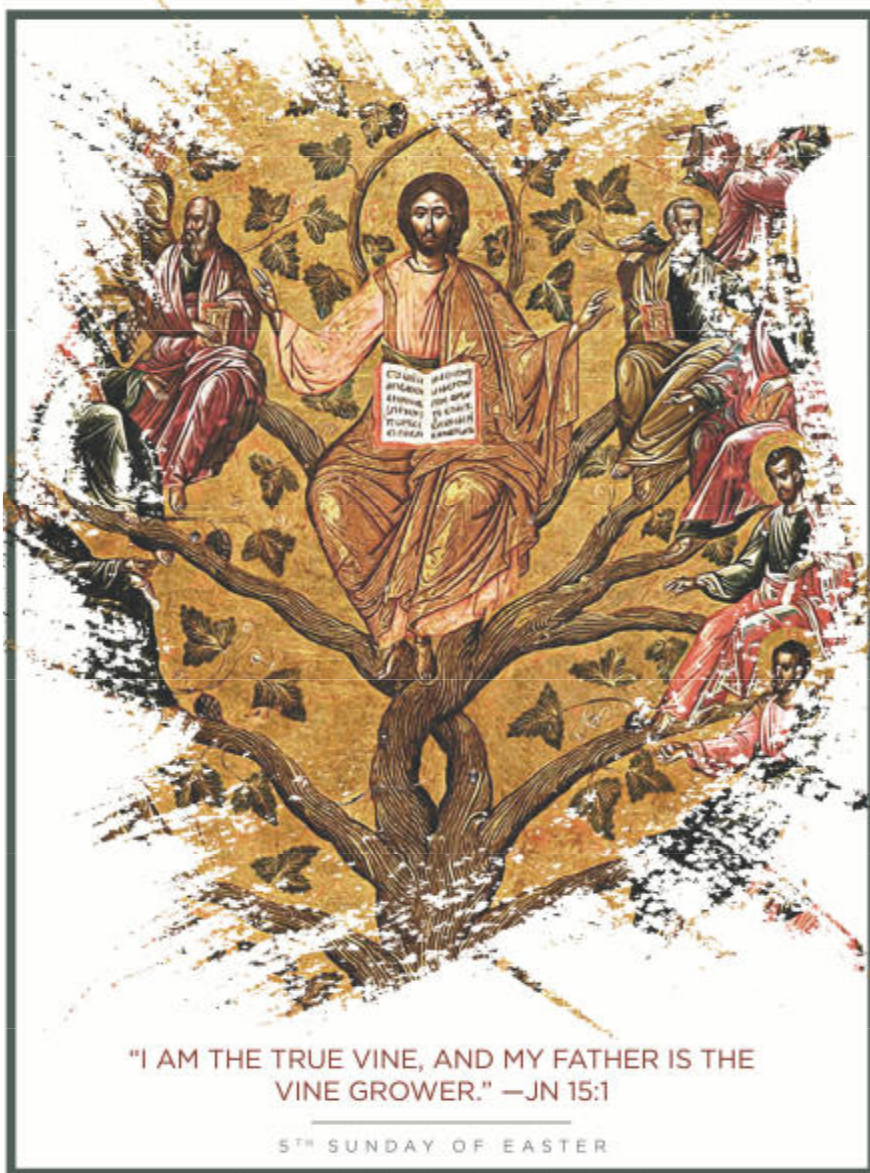
## Ministry of Care

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.

Rev. Bonaventure Okoro, Pastor



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

A good number of us may have had the experience of being cut off from someone you love by death or divorce. There is no more devastating experience in life, is there? The loneliness and the sense of isolation can be overwhelming. All kinds of experiences can cause us to feel disconnected. Sometimes it's having your children grow up and leave home. That's the reason we have all sorts of support groups to help deal with these feelings and give people a sense of care and purpose in life.

I read that the American Veterinary Medical Association in Schaumburg, 1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100, provides counseling services for pet owners who lost their pets. Growing numbers of single and elderly people rely on pets for companionship, feeling the death of a pet as strongly as that of a family members or friend. Isolation is a terrible way to live.

So, we all have need to be connected. We need to know that there are people who care about us. We need to know that we are not alone. Of course, this is where our faith comes in a powerful way. Our faith tells us we are not alone. We are never alone no matter how isolated our situation seems.

Jesus put it this way: "I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you..."

Here it is the great secret of life. Here is the secret of having the things that matter most. It is to be connected to the One who is the ultimate Source of power, to the One who will never forsake us, the One who will help us live productive, meaningful lives. We stay connected to Jesus through private and community prayer, Scripture reading, obedience to the Church's teachings and bearing fruits of love.

Christ says to us: I have the strength to provide all your needs. I have the strength to hold you in time of testing. I will never let you go. When you are joined with him, you have a source of power, presence and purpose.

*~From the desk of Father Okoro*

### Liturgical Roles

#### Weekend of May 8th/9th

<b>Sacristan:</b>	4:30 pm	Sharlyn Larson
	8:30 am	Paul Aloisio
<b>E.M.</b>	4:30 pm	Sharlyn Larson
	8:30 am	Paul Aloisio
<b>Lector:</b>	4:30 pm	Dave Lilja
	8:30 am	Angel Monarrez
<b>Ushers:</b>	4:30 pm	Ben Herrmann, Sue Lilja, Dan Nolan
	8:30 am	Elliot Kupp, Emily White, Caroline Bend, Paul Aloisio, Andrew Aceves
<b>Money Counters:</b>		Pat Assel, Bob Hickey, Jan Schnorr
<b>Linen Ministry:</b>		Ana Cardenas
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>		Ana Cardenas, Tess Rowland, Betty Thuestad
<b>Minister of Care:</b>		Betty Thuestad

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 1

4:30 pm Rosanne Jungles - 80th birthday  
By her family

### Sunday, May 2

8:30 am Thomas R. Vincent Jr. †  
By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

### Tuesday, May 4

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory †  
By Joe & Donna Herrmann

### Wednesday, May 5

8:30 am Sarah & Connor Roesch †  
By Richard Roesch

### Thursday, May 6

8:30 am Deceased Flewellyn Family †  
By June Drexler

### Friday, May 7

8:30 am Our Parish Family

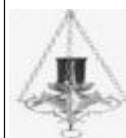
### Saturday, May 8

4:30 pm Tracy Masters †  
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

### Sunday, May 9

8:30 am Thomas R. Vincent Jr. †  
By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

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 in remembrance of:

**Tom Flewellyn †**

### 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, Dolores George, Judy Hogan, David Mihm, Jan Mueller, Mary Mueller, Gladys Schnorr, Betsy Todd, Janet Weigel.*

**Readings for the week of May 2, 2021**

**Sun:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
**Mon:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
**Tue:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wed:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thu:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
**Fri:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
**Sat:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



Need a Covid-19 vaccination? Sign up at the Lee County Health Department's website for an appointment, or you can call the Health Department directly at 815-284-3371 if you do not have a computer/internet.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**84 Registered Families  
 Week of April 24th/25th**

Needed each week in 2020-21..... \$ 2,520.00  
 Rcvd.....\$ 1,975.35  
 Loss for the week .....\$ 544.65

**Fiscal Year-to-Date (44 weeks)**

Needed (at \$2,520.00/week).....\$110,880.00  
 Received for the fiscal year to date...\$111,221.12  
 Gain to Date \$ 341.12

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Diocesan Stewardship 2022  
 0 Families pledged**

Assessment (2021-2022) \$ 8,609.00  
 Pledges & Donations Received \$ 0.00  
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**Thank you for your generosity! Any amount given over our Stewardship assessment comes back to St. James to help with our budget shortfall, and make much need repairs on the church and the parish hall.**

**Men's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:**

**Wed-Parish Office at 8:00 pm**

**Women's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:**

**Tue-Parish Hall at 10:15am**

Prayer Group is for anyone who has made or is interested in making Cursillo.



**Upcoming Events**

- Sat 5/1 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
- Sun 5/2 (8:00 am) Rosary  
(8:30 am) May Crowning at the shrine followed by Sunday Mass
- Tue 5/4 (8:30 am) Daily Mass  
(7:00 pm) **Parish Council meeting**
- Wed 5/5 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
- Thu 5/6 (8:30 am) Daily Mass  
**National Day of Prayer**
- Fri 5/7 (8:30 am) Daily Mass  
(9:00 am) **First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist**
- Sat 5/8 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
- Sun 5/9 (8:30 am) Daily Mass  
**Happy Mother's Day!**  
(8:30 am) **Sunday Mass**  
(9:30 am) **RE parent meeting and registration for next year**
- Tue 5/11 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
- Wed 5/12 (8:30 am) Daily Mass  
(9:00 am) **Adoration of the Eucharist**  
(7:00 pm) **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
- Thu 5/13 (8:30 am) Daily Mass

**Birthdays**

Katie Betz

5/6

Ginger Browder

5/7

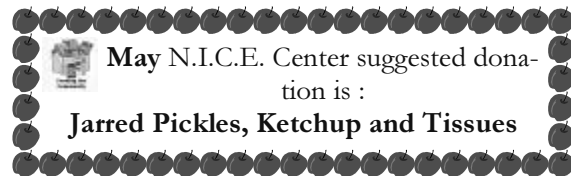
*The Rosary is a spiritual weapon in the struggle against evil.*

*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.*



If you would like to purchase a Memorial Candle for a special intention/prayer or in remembrance of family or friends, please call the office.



“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

~USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”



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