



# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Directory

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

Rev. Bonaventure Okoro, Pastor



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

.Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers of our parish! For Mother's Day, I ran across a list of suggestions for improving communication in the family that I thought you might enjoy. I got it from Teresa Bloomingdale's book: *God's Devotional Book for Mothers*, 2005, p.92 and it says:

If you have tiny children who won't give you their attention, simply place a long – distance telephone call to somebody important, preferably their grandmother. Your toddlers will immediately climb up on your lap and become all ears.

Get a job in an office that discourages personal phone calls. Your kids will then call you every hour on the hour.

Send them away to college, or let them move into an apartment. They can then be counted on ...for long chats, during which they will expound at length on what wonderful parents you were, and what happened, because you certainly are spoiling their younger siblings rotten.

Good communication in the family is a constant challenge, and sometimes children pick up on messages we never intend to send.

In today's gospel Jesus says, "I am the true vine and you are the branches ..." I can't help but think that is a good text for Mother's Day. We are connected to Christ in the same way a mother is connected to her children. I realize that not every mother feels this way, but most mothers would sacrifice their lives for their children in a heartbeat.

There is something else that Jesus the vine dresser does with us, the branches, that mothers do with their children. God disciplines God's children like a loving mother disciplines her children. God's purpose of pruning us is because he loves us unconditionally like mothers love their children unconditionally. Jesus is the vine; we are the branches. Stay connected to Christ—for heaven's sake.

*~From the desk of Father Okoro*

### Liturgical Roles

#### Weekend of May 15th/16th

|                          |         |  |
|--------------------------|---------|--|
| <b>Sacristan:</b>        | 4:30 pm | Sarah Treadway   |
|                          | 8:30 am | John Rood  |
| <b>E.M.</b>              | 4:30 pm | Sarah Treadway   |
|                          | 8:30 am | John Rood  |
| <b>Lector:</b>           | 4:30 pm | Donna Herrmann   |
|                          | 8:30 am | Marilynne Voris  |
| <b>Ushers:</b>           | 4:30 pm | Ben Herrmann, Joe Herrmann, Sue Lilja                                |
|                          | 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> |         | Joe Herrmann   |

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 8

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

### Sunday, May 9

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

### Tuesday, May 11

8:30 am Alvie & Sue Crumpton  
By Joe & Donna Herrmann

### Wednesday, May 12

8:30 am Margaret Rice †  
By Bill & Sheila Weigel

### Thursday, May 13

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

### Friday, May 14

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

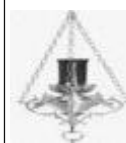
### Saturday, May 15

4:30 pm Magdaleno Rivera †  
By The Aceves Family

### Sunday, May 16

8:30 am Living Members of the Altar &  
Rosary Society

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:

**Riordan 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, David Mihm, Jan Mueller, Mary Mueller, Gladys Schnorr, Betsy Todd, Janet Weigel.*

**Readings for the week of May 9, 2021**

**Sun:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17  
**Mon:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
**Tue:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
**Wed:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
**Thu:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
**Fri:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
**Sat:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10/Jn 16:23b-28



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 May 1st/2nd**

Needed each week in 2020-21..... \$ 2,520.00  
 Rcvd.....\$ 2,455.10  
 Loss for the week .....\$ 64.90

**Fiscal Year-to-Date (45 weeks)**

Needed (at \$2,520.00/week).....\$113,400.00  
 Received for the fiscal year to date...\$113,676.22  
 Gain to Date \$ 276.22

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Diocesan Stewardship 2022  
 2 Families pledged**

Assessment (2021-2022) \$ 8,609.00  
 Pledges & Donations Received \$ 140.00  
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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, 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 5/8 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass**  
**Sun 5/9 (8:30 am) Happy Mother's Day! Sunday Mass**  
**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**  
**Fri 5/14 (8:30 am) Daily Mass**

**Birthdays**

Touie White 5/15

**Anniversary**

Tom & Gail Loes 47 yrs 5/11

*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 parishioner 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.

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

*~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
 "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"*



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on June 25-27 in Geneva, IL; Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI and Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL. There are virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct. 4 and Nov. 13-14.

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