



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, August 30, 2020

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday5:30pm
Sunday9:00am
11:30am Spanish

Rosary

Sunday8:35am
Wednesday .4:00 pm (Halcyon House)
Thursday3:00 pm (McCreedy Home)
Thursday4:00 pm (Care Center)

Confessions

Thursday at 5:30pm-6:00pm and
Saturday at 4:30pm-5:00pm.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GLORY

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:27

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Mission Statement

“To Glorify God through Word, Worship and Service”.

NOTES/NEWS

LIVE THE LITURGY

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Instruction on Receiving Communion

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations.

Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).
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Hip, Hip Hooray! School has started and is off to a good start. We are claiming that all of our students are overjoyed to be back in school. In reality they are happy to be back. We are taking every pre-caution to keep our students and staff safe. Be sure to do your part at home. Wear your mask when you go out.

This year the school Mass will be on Wednesday morning at 8:25. The Friday Mass will remain at 8 AM.

The front Tobin Hall door will be closed to parish use as it is need for a school entrance this year so that social distancing can be achieved as students arrive. The parish entrance, to the offices, will now be the back-North Door. Thank you for understanding.

If you are wanting to add your family to the Mass attendance list please call the parish office.

On August 15th, my niece Tayler became a novice in Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln Nebraska. She is now known as Sister Benedicta. Please remember Sister Benedicta and her community in your prayers.



We will be starting the First Communion Masses in 2 weeks. Please remember all of our students in your prayers.

GIMME A BREAK

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me?"

"Come on, God, gimme a break!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

AUGUST 2020	Weekly Budget	Week : 8/09/20	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$4,904.00	\$3,135.00	-\$1,769.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$2,200.00	-\$396.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$102.00	-\$244.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$101.00	-\$255.00
Other		\$35.00	\$35.00
Budget Weekly	\$8,202.00	\$5,573.00	-\$2,629.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			-\$9,333.00

AUGUST 2020	Weekly Budget	Week : 8/02/20	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$4,904.00	\$3,231.00	-\$1,673.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$962.00	-\$1,634.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$94.00	-\$252.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$41.00	-\$315.00
Other			
Budget Weekly	\$8,202.00	\$4,328.00	-\$3,874.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			-\$6,704.00

Readings for the Week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9, Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b], Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5, Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97], Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16, Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17], Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9, Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12], Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23, Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1], Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5, Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a], Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15, Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18], Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8], Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

THE VISION OF STEWARDSHIP

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ. – Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

FAMILY LIFE

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
Help St. James reach out to parishioners in need. If you are aware of someone who needs a card of encouragement or concern call Charlotte Lindmeier at 653-6274.

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER AT ST. MARY MONASTERY

Due to COVID-19, Benet House Retreat Center will remain closed through September. We have developed several **virtual** retreats to provide spiritual and prayerful opportunities during this difficult time. These **virtual sessions are held via Zoom or Cisco WebEx**. Once registered, you will receive a link to join the retreat and access to materials. **For payment, checks may be made payable to the Sisters of St. Benedict or you may call Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 to provide credit card information.**

Henri Nouwen Reading Group: 1st Tuesday of each month. Next session: September 1; 1:30-3 pm; Fee: \$5/session; purchase your own book.

Break-a-Way Quiet Day: We will meet at 9 am for opening prayer and reflection with an option to meet again at 4 pm for sharing and closing prayer. **Wed. Sept. 1; Fee: \$10.**

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays: Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; 1-2 pm; Fee: Free will offering.

From Seeker to Sage: Journey to the Unknowable: this 5-week virtual retreat provides an opportunity to reflect upon our personal spiritual journey from Seeker to Sage. Join us as we move through different stages of our journey from awakening moments, through our seeking and gradual movements to transformation. **Presenter: Susan Komis. Wednesdays: Sept. 2, 9, 16; 1-3 pm; Fee: \$150 for series.**

For more information: Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB Phone: 309-283-2108 Email: retreats@smmsisters.org Web: www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

This week at St. James . . .

Remember, all Masses are reserved seating to accommodate social distancing guidelines.
Thank you!

Monday, August 31
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 1
MASS-The People 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, September 2
MASS-Bob Friese 8:25 am (CH)
Confession 6:00 pm (CH)

Thursday, September 3
MASS-Sr. Audrey Herr 8:00 am (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, September 4
MASS-Mary & David Fladung 8:00 am (CH)

Saturday, September 5
MASS-Chris & Bessie Earnest 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, September 6
MASS-Carroll & Lucille Reighard 9:00 am (CH)
MASS-The People 11:30 am (CH)

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