

3rd Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 20, 2022

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday .....5:30pm  
Sunday .....9:00am  
11:30am Spanish

### Rosary

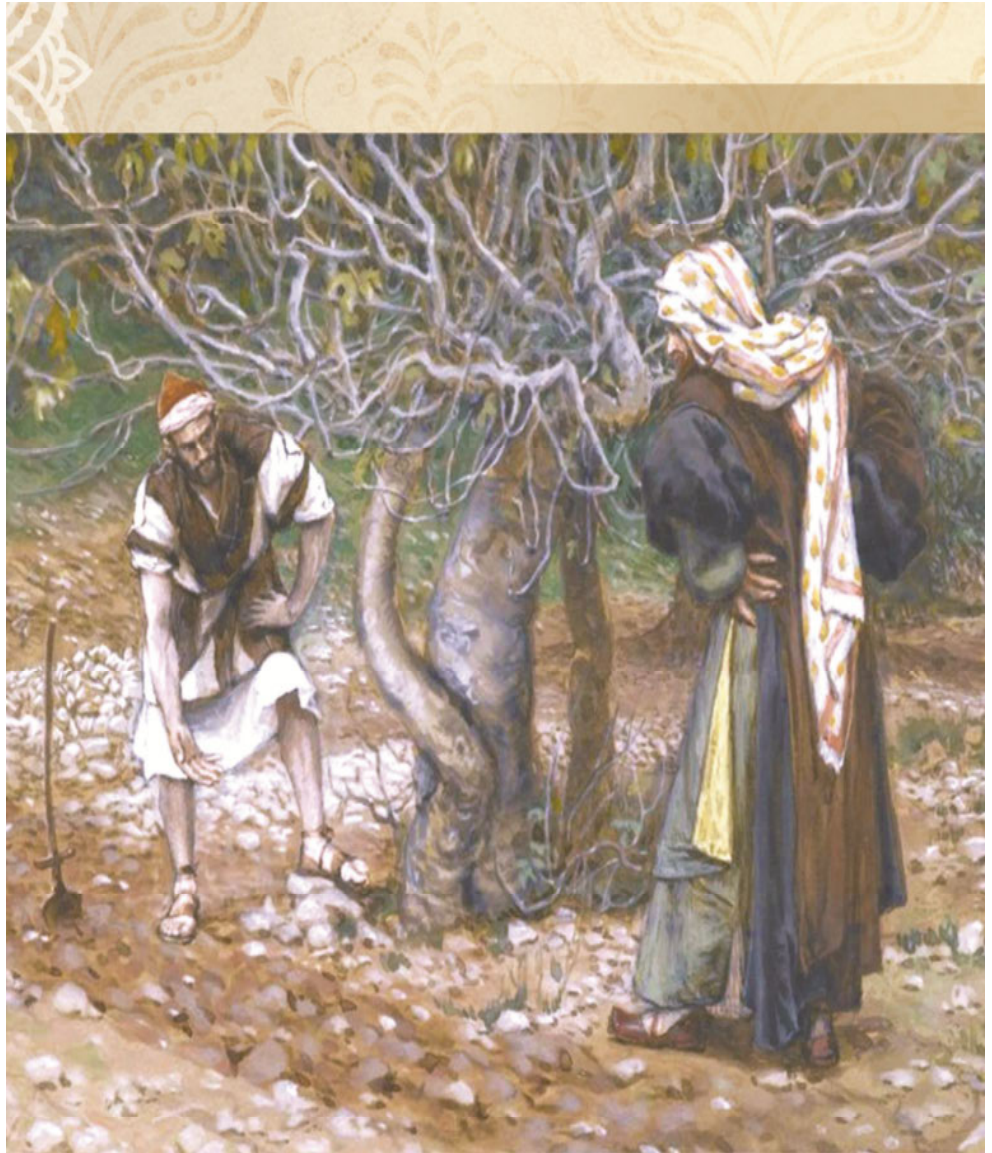
Thursday..... 8:30am

### Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday..... 6:00pm  
Friday..... 8:30am



## 3rd Sunday OF LENT

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

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### Mission Statement

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

## NOTES/NEWS

### LIVE THE LITURGY

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return. ©LPi

### KC'S FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will be serving Fish Fry from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm at KC Hall on:

Friday, March: 25

Friday, April: 1

Adults \$13 & Kids \$6

**There will be drive through only**

### SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Classes meet on the following Sundays from **10:00am-11:15am**. Parents, Guardian, and/or extended family members, please accompany your children on the first Sunday of every month for Deep Root Sunday: *Family-Base Learning of the Richness of Our Catholic Faith*.

#### 2nd Semester

Mar. 20 & 27

Apr. 3 Deep Root Sunday, 10 & 24

**No Class on Sunday:** Apr. 17

### CONFIRMATION

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES** have begun. Preparation classes take place on Sunday mornings from **8:00am-11:00 am** during the 2022 spring and fall semesters with the sacrament of Confirmation taking place in November 2022.

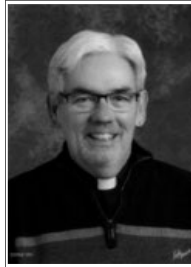
**The spring 2022 Confirmation class schedule is as follows:**

Mar. 20, & 27 8-11 am Tobin Hall Basement

Apr. 3, 10, & 24 8-11 am Tobin Hall Basement

### HY-VEE RECEIPTS & POP CANS

St. James school still takes cans for the shed and Hy-Vee receipts. We do not collect soup labels or Box Tops any longer. Box Tops for education has changed to an app in which you can scan your Box Tops to benefit St. James School.



This week look at pride: It is said that this the worst of all the 7 capital sins. It is thinking that you are good enough, self-sufficient enough to not need God and thinking that you don't need any outside help. Having a good self-image is not the same thing as pride. Taking pride in what you have done, is not always the same as the sin of pride.

Again, to go back away a line from a Max Davis song sums up pride perfectly, "O Lord its hard to be humble, when your perfect in very way." It would not be hard to find the same sentiment in many of today's songs.

A couple of ways that you can see pride in our world today is when people think that they are so bad that God would never forgive them. Or, they think that have done nothing wrong and have no need of forgiveness. Or, I did this all on my own. I owe nothing to anyone. I am a self-made man/women.

It is a good thing to take "pride" in what you do and your accomplishments and in the accomplishments of your family and friends. This week look at when pride has prevented you from seeing the love of God in your life and from admitting that you are not, "perfect in every way."

**Lenten Pop Up:** We will meet in the youth room after the 8:25am Mass on Wednesday, March 23rd. We will be talking about the 1 question that the Diocese has ask us to explore as part of the Synod. "Based on your personal experience, what fills your heart and breaks your heart about the Catholic Church". We will also have breakfast.

Don't forget the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 5:15pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a non-mandatory second collection this **Sunday, March 20**, to respond to the growing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. 2.9 million people are in need of urgent assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries. CRS and partner Caritas agencies need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies. Thank you for your consideration of this special request to support, CRS-Ukraine. For more information, visit <https://www.crs.org/>

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FEBRUARY 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 2/27/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$3,005.00	-\$2,193.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,095.00	-\$1,501.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$426.00	\$80.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$101.00	-\$255.00
Other/Holiday		\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Budget Weekly</b>	<b>\$8,496.00</b>	<b>\$4,652.00</b>	<b>-\$3,844.00</b>
<b>YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$912.00</b>

**Readings for the Week of March 20, 2021**

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a], 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43, Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9, Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21 ab, Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a], 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Pilgrimage to Ireland with Bishop Zinkula**

Bishop Thomas Zinkula invites you to learn more about the Faith of the Irish pilgrimage he is leading for The Catholic Messenger. **Join the Bishop at 2 p.m. Wednesday March 23 in person or by Zoom Meeting.** The in-person gathering takes place at the St. Vincent Center (diocesan headquarters), 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. "Ireland has a very strong Catholic heritage, and many people from Ireland immigrated to the United States and contributed a great deal to the Church in the U.S.," Bishop Zinkula said. "I am hoping to gain a better understanding of the nature and dynamics of Irish Catholic culture. "Please let us know if you plan to attend in person or by Zoom meeting. Send an email to [messenger@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:messenger@davenportdiocese.org) with your name, email address and in-person or online preference.

**BIG EVENT**

It's all happening! Have you heard? Have you seen? Did you know?? You don't want to miss out! Tell your friends, neighbors, family, tell everyone because it's BIG and it's going to be an awesome event! I can't wait to see you there! Join us for a fun night and a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500 or \$1,000! We are now selling the Big Event tickets that **will take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Home & School will be selling tickets after Mass or stop by the Parish or School office to purchase your tickets.

	Saturday, Mar. 26th 5:30 pm	Sunday, Mar. 27th 9:00 am
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	John Colbert Jean Wehr Marty Young	Lori Fritz Pat Fritz Regina Schantz
<b>Gift Family</b>	Sarah Nolte	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Volunteer Needed	Hattie Longbine William Longbine
<b>Lector</b>	Pat Gent	Dennis Ives
<b>Music</b>	Kirk Hittner	James Crossroads

## 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.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**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](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

## This week at St. James . .

Monday, March 21

Tuesday, March 22

**MASS**-Gary McClure 8:00 am (CH)

**MASS**-The People 3:30 pm (Halcyon)

Wednesday, March 23

**MASS**-Florence Schumacher 8:25 am (CH)

Lenten Pop-Up 9:00 am (YR)

Thursday, March 24

**MASS**-Sherry Sieren 8:00 am (CH)

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, March 25

**MASS**-Al & Mary Chebuhar 8:00 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (TH)

Saturday, March 26

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

**MASS**-Robert Colbert 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, March 27

**MASS**-Marge & Moe Strabala 9:00 am (CH)

Coffee & Cookies 10:00 am (TH)

Sunday Faith Formation 10:00 am (TH)

**MASS**-The People 11:30 am (CH)

**KEY: THB-Tobin Hall Basement,  
TH-Tobin Hall, CH-Church,  
CHB-Church Basement,  
KC-KC Hall, CR-Conf. Room,  
GYM-SJ School Gym, YR-Youth Room**

### PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

Have you remembered to notify the parish of an email or phone number change? Perhaps you had a change of address recently? Please take a moment to keep us informed. Return this form in the collection basket, or at the parish office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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- I prefer electronic communication.
- I would like to join St. James Parish.
- I'm moving away, please remove me from roster.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course. ©LPi





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