

4th Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 27, 2022

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Rosary

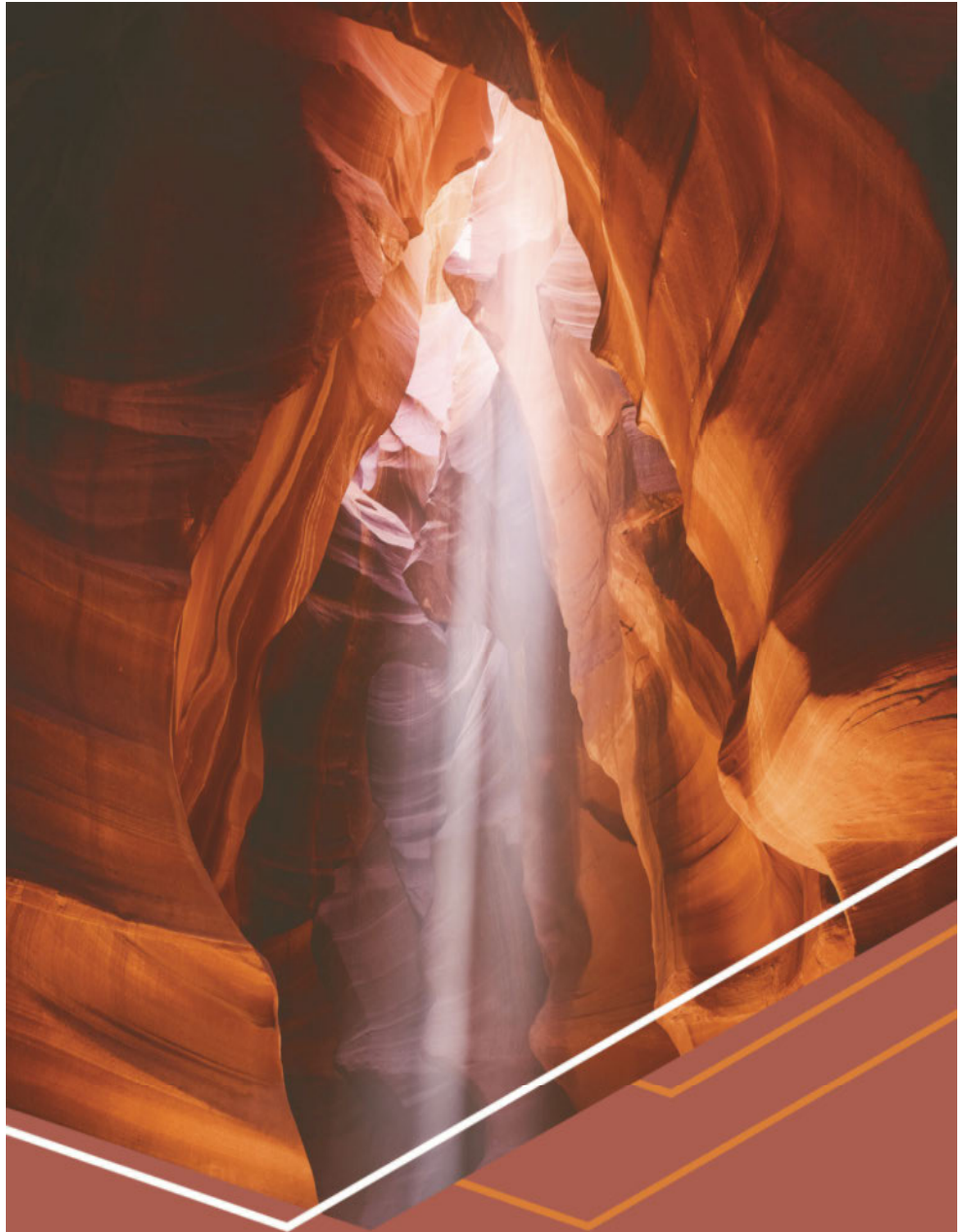
Thursday..... 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

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



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Mission Statement

"To Glorify God through Word, Worship and Service".

NOTES/NEWS

LIVE THE LITURGY

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an "ambassador for Christ?" An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God's ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message? ©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, 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. 27
Apr. 3 Deep Root Sunday, 10 & 24

No Class on Sunday: Apr. 17

CONFIRMATION

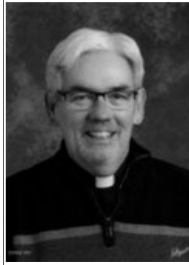
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES have begun. Preparation classes take place on Sunday mornings from **8:00am-11:00 am** during the 2022 spring and fall semesters with the sacrament of Confirmation taking place in November 2022.

The spring 2022 Confirmation class schedule is as follows:

Mar. 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's deadly sin is Wrath. Wrath is extreme anger. Anger that causes destruction to everything it touches. It is anger running wild blindly. All of us have at some point committed this sin. We are hurt by someone or our failures have caused us to be blind to the graces of God and we knowingly set out to hurt others so that our pain is shared.

It is not normal for most of us to live in this sin for long, but many of us do carry small unjust anger around for years. We can and do let our reactions cause us to be angrier about things than the situations can justify. This week, look for the little angers in your life. The over reactions that can and do cause harm to ourselves and others. Pick one of your angers, that has been your treasured companion for more than a week. Try to heal it within your own soul with the grace of God. Once you heal, those around you will be better able to live in peace.

Don't forget we have **Adoration** on Thursday nights from 6 to 6:30 and Fridays after Mass until 9 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. Thursday mornings after Mass we pray the **Rosary**. Everyone is invited to attend whenever you can.

An idea for your Easter Egg Hunt this year. Along with the eggs hide several small crosses, or even rosaries. Send your kids looking for Christ as well as candy. We have inexpensive rosaries in the parish office if you need any.

CDA SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic Daughters will be taking up a second collection the first weekend in April for the women who are abused. 60% of this collection stays in our county and the other 40% goes to the diocese for their projects of abuse programs. Please be generous. Thank you in advance for your donations.

DRIVEN BY A DREAM

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekesi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit csrcricebowl.org

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 23rd**. Home & School will be selling tickets after Mass or stop by the Parish or School office to purchase your tickets.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

No information available for this weekend! Thank you for understanding.

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

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Readings for the Week of March 27, 2021

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21, Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3], Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

HOLY WEEK:

April 10th Palm Sunday
April 14th Holy Thursday 7 PM Bilingual
April 15th Good Friday 3 PM, English and 7 PM Bilingual
April 16th Holy Saturday 8:30 PM (the most Holy Night of the Year)
April 17th Easter 9 AM and 11:30 AM

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be available for \$10.00 each to decorate the church for the upcoming Easter season. Please make checks out to St James Church and drop it off at the Parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Please write **Easter Lily** in the memo line. Please indicate who the Lily is in memory of.

	Saturday, April 2nd 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 3rd 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Tina Knutson Loretta Mellinger Virginia Schuerman	Katrina Altenhofen Janice Carr Darlene Payne
Gift Family	Brad Sheetz	Chad Edeker
Altar Server	Volunteer Needed	Morgan Leichty
Lector	Teresa Beenblossom	Don Sobaski
Music	Dave Miller & Kirk Hittner	Spirit Led Singers

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

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Often times, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

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.

This week at St. James . .

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

MASS-The People 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, March 30

MASS-Phil Leyden 8:25 am (CH)

Lenten Pop-Up 9:00 am (YR)

Thursday, March 31

MASS-CDA Living & Deceased Members 8:00 am (CH)

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, April 1

MASS-Janet Kron 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, April 2

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Dennis Greiner 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, April 3

MASS-Joseph & Josephine Triplett 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**

KC HALL RENTAL

To rent KC Hall, go to the website washingtonkchall.com

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 _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors. ©LPi





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