

5th Sunday of Lent, Sunday, April 3, 2022

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Rosary

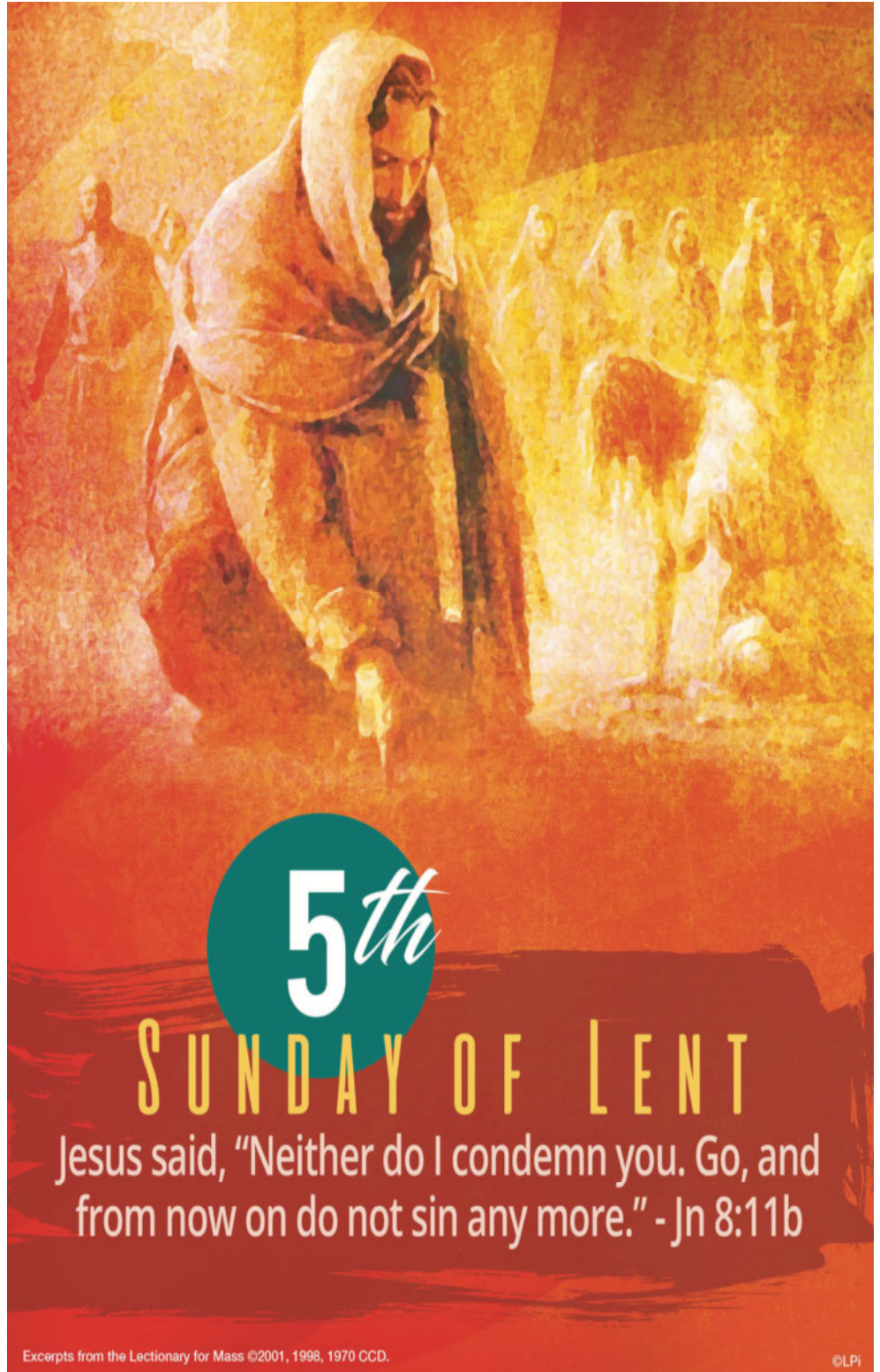
Thursday..... 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

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



5th
SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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Mission Statement

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

NOTES/NEWS

LIVE THE LITURGY

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom. ©LPi

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Classes mee 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

Apr. 3 Deep Root Sunday, 10 & 24

No Class on Sunday: Apr. 17

SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Communion preparation will start on **Wed., April 6th from 6pm-8pm**. We will meet in Tobin Hall . We will continue to meet on **April 13, 20 & 27** at the same time. A parent must accompany the child receiving the sacramental preparation. The children will receive their First Holy Communion during the **11:30 Mass or during the 9:00 Mass on May 1st**.

CONFIRMATION

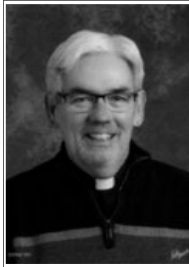
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES have begun. Preparation classes take place on Sunday mornings from **8:00am-11:00 am** during the 2022 spring and fall semesters with the sacrament of Confirmation taking place in November 2022.

The spring 2022 Confirmation class schedule is as follows:

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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.



The **7 deadly sins** are: pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. The **7 virtues** are: humility, generosity, chastity, patience, temperance, charity and diligence.

The **7 Corporal Works of Mercy** are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give shelter to strangers, clothe the naked, visit the sick, minister to prisoners and bury the

dead.

This week, practice the virtue that you have the most trouble with. Remember, "Oh Lord it is hard to be humble, when your perfect in very way.", can only be defected with humility, greed by generosity, gluttony by temperance and sloth by diligence.

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.

The Chrism Mass is on April 11 at 2 PM at the Cathedral in Davenport. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Oils that will be used throughout the Diocese. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be not Mass on April 12th. I will be attending Clergy Convocation in Davenport on April 11th and 12th.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday April 19th.

April 5th we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick at the 8 AM Mass.

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.

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.

MARCH 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 3/6/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$8,873.00	\$3,675.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,913.00	-\$683.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$272.00	-\$74.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$41.00	-\$315.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$11,099.00	\$2,603.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			\$3,515.00

MARCH 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 3/13/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$5,175.00	-\$23.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,422.00	-\$1,174.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$251.00	-\$95.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$411.00	\$55.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$7,259.00	-\$1,237.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			\$2,278.00

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3], Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9, Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21, Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9, Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13, Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7, Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28, Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13, Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a], Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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

	Saturday, April 9th 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 10th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Marty Beenblossom Ann Harris Jean Wehr	Linda Gonshorowski Raphael Gonshorowski Emily Klopfenstein
Gift Family	Danny Greiner	
Altar Server	Volunteer Needed	Hattie Longbine William Longbine
Lector	Volunteer Needed	Lori Fritz
Music	Kirk Hittner	James Crossroad

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

Make a Way
 What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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, April 4

Tuesday, April 5

MASS-Cletus Reed 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, April 6

MASS-Mary Bump 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, April 7

MASS-Robert L. Greiner 8:00 am (CH)

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, April 8

MASS-Delores Franzen 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 9

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Jim Ledger 5:30 pm (CH)

Palm Sunday, April 10

MASS-Cletus Reed 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

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow. ©LPi





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