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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Rosary

Thursday..... 8:30am

Confessions

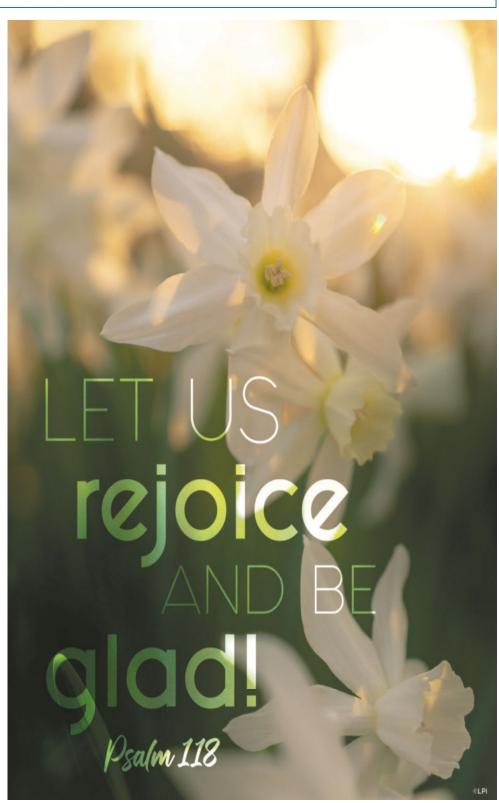
Saturday...... 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

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



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

NOTES/NEWS

HAPPY EASTER!

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

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. 24

No Class on Sunday: Apr. 17

SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Communion preparation has started we will meet in Tobin Hall on **April 20 & 27 from 6pm-8pm.** 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

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. 17: No Class Apr. 24: No Class

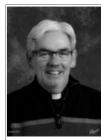
May 1:8-11am Tobin Hall Basement

PARENT AND TEEN NIGHT

Pam will tackle today's issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to make the healthiest choice and save sex for marriage. Join us **Wed. April 20 at 8:00pm at St. Patrick Church, lowa City.**

YOU ARE INVITED

The children of Martha Hammen wish to extend to friends and the St. James family an invitation to help us celebrate her 95th birthday. Celebration reception to be held at the Marr Park Conservation Education Center on **Sunday, April 24th from 12-4pm. Sandwiches & resfresments will be served.** Only presents desired is the pleasure of your presence.



A Great and Glorious Day: Happy Easter! Today, we are gathering to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Families will be gathering. We will be hunting Easter Eggs. We will over eat. The Easter Season is 50 days. Lent was only 40. The fear, sadness and cruelty of Good Friday is conquered by the Resurrection. It is important to remember both realities. It is our life to live

the Resurrection and fight to bring "Good Friday", to an end in our world.

The Big Event is Saturday April 23rd at Lebowski's Rock N'Bowl. It is going to be a wonderful evening full of fun and good humor. We still have tickets. If you haven't gotten your yet see me after Mass. I will be more than happy to hook you up.

On May 1st, 21 of our children will be making their First Communion. This is an important day for them. Please remember them in your prayers.

Tell everyone who will listen about your First Communion. I made mine at the Midnight Mass. I don't remember what I wore, but I'm sure that they looked cute and holy. I am so old that we had to fast 3 hours before you went to communion. I remember being so scared that I would break my fast and not be able to make my First Communion. We were at my Grandparents farm in Blakesburg.

One of the most important things to remember today is that there are only 27 school days left!

BIG EVENT

Purchase your BIG Event tickets NOW!

The BIG Event will take place on **April 23rd at 7:00pm** at **Lebowski's**. Each raffle ticket gives you a chance to win \$5000, \$2500, \$1500 or \$1000! You do not have to be present to win.

St. James Home & School has a ticket sales goal to reach in order for the raffle to take place...we are not quite there yet, so please get your tickets NOW! You may purchase your tickets after mass, by stopping in the school or parish office, or on the St. James website...just click on the Donations & Payments button! Contact the parish office if you have any questions or need assistance.

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MARCH 2022	Weekly Budget	Week: 3/27/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$8,331.00	\$3,133.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$902.00	-\$1,694.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$309.00	-\$37.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$101.00	-\$255.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$9,643.00	\$1,147.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		\$2,266.00

Readings for the Week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43,Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24],

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33,Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11,Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41,Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22,Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10,Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9,Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26,Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9,Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12,Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a,Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21,Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21,Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16,Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1],Rv 1:9-11a,

12-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies on the altar are in memory of the following:

Al & Mary Chebuhar Cruz Robles's Family

Jimmy, Loretta & George Dawson

De La Cruz's Family
Gomez's Family
Frank & Teresa Haupert
Justin Letcher
Leo & Mary Marie

Ned & Joan Devitt
Dr. Jim Harris
Jim Ledger
Miguel Marcelino
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Hubert & Leonida Redlinger Mary Redlinger

Eugene Reed Carroll & Lucille Reighard

Moe & Marge Strabala Pam Strabala Joe Triplett Sophia Velasco

Cletus & Mary Therese Weber Anita Zahs

Dean & Elaine Zahs

	Saturday, April 23rd 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 24th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	John Colber Linda Franzen Jean Wehr	Katrina Altenhofen Brian Hora Theresa Hora
Gift Family	Sarah Nolte	James Nebel
Altar Server		Morgan Leichty
Lector	Virginia Schuerman	Lori Fritz
Music	James Crossroads	SJ Choir

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

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: lowa

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 18

Tuesday, April 19
NO MASS

Wednesday, April 20

MASS-Nancy Maere 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, April 21

MASS-Walter Krotz7:00 pm (CH)Rosary8:30 am (CH)Eucharistic Adoration6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, April 22

MASS-Bob Friese3:00 pm (CH)Eucharistic Adoration8:30 am (CH)Prayer Group7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, April 23

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Alvin & Jeanette Vittetoe 8:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, April 24

MASS-Joseph & Josephine Triplett 9:00 am (CH)
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.

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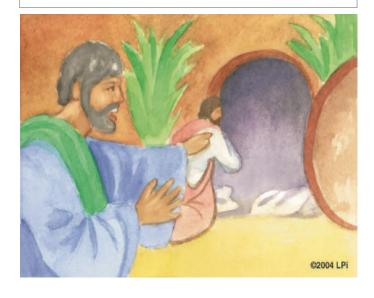
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. **©LPi**





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