

Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 24, 2022

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:30pm
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

LIVE THE LITURGY

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe! ©LPi

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

Apr. 24

SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Communion preparation class we will meet in Tobin Hall on **April 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**.

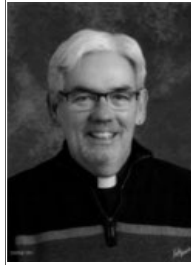
CONFIRMATION

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. 24: No Class

May 1: 8-11 am Tobin Hall Basement



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter! I hope that you were able to spend time with the family relaxing. When we get to Easter it means that spring is almost here. Don't give up hope before long we will be able to complain about how hot it is.

There are only 22 days of school left in this school year. Start now making a list of the books that your children will be reading. Pick at least one book and have the whole family read it together.

May First we will be celebrating 1st Communion at the 9 and 11:30 Masses. Say extra prayers for our students who will be receiving Christ for the first time in the Eucharist. They have been waiting for this their whole lives.

The garden centers are starting to open. When you pick up the plants for your yard get a few extra for the church. Bring a bag of potting soil or a bag of golden mulch as well. We need at least 40 bags of golden mulch.

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 & refreshments will be served.** Only presents desired is the pleasure of your presence.

THANK YOU

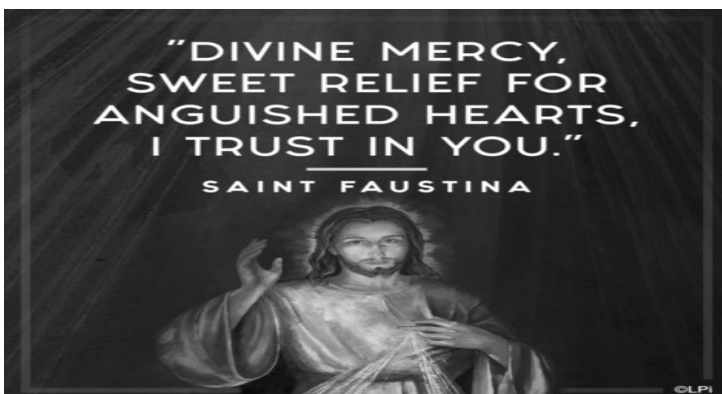
Our community change lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl or donate on at crsricebowl.org/give

REMEMBER ST. JAMES PARISH

1. Do you own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds? When the account is no longer needed, would you like to make a gift to leave a legacy and support your parish and the Diocese? If so, perhaps you would consider a **transfer on death (TOD)** gifting strategy. With a **TOD** gift, you retain complete ownership of the account while you are living, and you can modify or revoke your gift at any time during your life.

2. Have you ever considered remembering the parish in your estate planning? " or Planning your Will—Remember St. James. A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lifetime legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries".

3. Impact the Church of tomorrow—naming St. James as a beneficiary of your retirement plan is an easy way to make a gift that costs you nothing now.



APRIL 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 4/3/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$4,184.00	-\$1,014.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,685.00	-\$911.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$313.00	-\$33.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$1.00	-\$355.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$6,183.00	-\$2,313.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		-\$47.00

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17, Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20, Jn 3:31-36


Friday: Acts 5:34-42, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a], Rv 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

EASTER LILIES

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

Al & Mary Chebuhar	Cruz Robles's Family	
Loretta & George Dawson	Jimmy Dawson	
De La Cruz's Family	Ned & Joan Devitt	
Nick Gevock	Gomez's Family	
Dr. Jim Harris	Frank & Teresa Haupert	
Jim Ledger	Justin Letcher	
Miguel Marcelino	Bob & Mildred Malvey	
Gary McClure	Curt Mineart	
Munguia's Family	John & Agnes Pacha	
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 30th 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 1st 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Carl Berst Tina Knutson Marty Young	Darlene Payne Brian Pierson Richard Pierson
Gift Family	Brad Sheetz	
Altar Server		Grant Berdo Jake Berdo
Lector	Ann Harris	Stephen Wolfer
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 World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching. — *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, April 25

Tuesday, April 26

MASS-Emmett & Lorna Nolan 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, April 27

MASS-Audrey Fink 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, April 28

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

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, April 29

MASS-LeRoy Hammen 8:00 pm (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, April 30

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Al & Mary Chebuhar 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, May 1

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

MASS-The People 11:30 am (CH)

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TH-Tobin Hall, CH-Church,
CHB-Church Basement,
KC-KC Hall, CR-Conf. Room,**

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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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Address _____

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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

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©LPi





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