

3rd Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 1, 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

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"
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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 and app in which you can scan your Box Tops to benefit St. James School.

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.

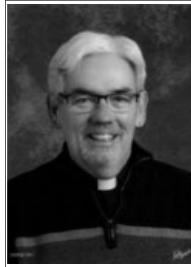
2. Have you ever considered remembering the parish in your estate planning? " or Planning your Will—Remember St. James. A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lifetime legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue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

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

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This is a great and glorious week end here at St. James. 22 of our children are receiving Christ for the first time in the Eucharist. They have countless years of joy in the Eucharist ahead of them.

Plants have arrived at all of the stores. When you buy the ones you need for your house, pick up a few extra for the church.

You can drop them off by the gym door. We will take care of planting them. If you want to bring a potted plant that would also be fine. We also need 30 to 40 bags of gold mulch.

There will be no Mass or Adoration on Thursday, May 5th.

We want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Big Event a great success! The committee worked hard for many months to ensure the success of the evening.

St. James Spring Concert is May 11th. They will be offering all the delightful sounds of Spring for us to enjoy.

Oh look! Is that a weed in front of the school? Yes, it is. Should I pull it and all of his friends? Yes, you should.

Question: What is so special about May 13th this year?

Answer: It is a Friday.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The school scholarship applications have been received for the 2022-2023 school year. Please consider donating to our School Scholarship fund to help us provide Catholic education to many of our St. James' families. Thank you!



THE BIG EVENT

Congratulation to our winners:

\$5,000: Kevin & Jodi Reed

\$2,500: Larry & Pat Fritz

\$1,500: Jerry & Mindy Driscoll

\$1,000: John Glover



“GIVE US THIS DAY
OUR DAILY
BREAD”

MATTHEW 6:11

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APRIL 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 4/17/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$2,963.00	-\$2,235.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$3,044.00	\$448.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$955.00	\$609.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$51.00	-\$305.00
Other/Holiday		\$1,042.00	\$1,042.00
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$8,055.00	-\$441.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			\$1,651.00

APRIL 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 4/10/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$6,751.00	\$1,553.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$2,356.00	-\$240.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$437.00	-\$91.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$1,081.00	-\$725.00
Other/Holiday		\$10.00	\$10.00
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$10,635.00	\$2,139.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			\$2,092.00

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15, Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8, Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42, Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c], Rv 7:9, 14b-17, Jn 10:27-30



	Saturday, May 7th 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 8th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Marty Beenblossom Dennis Franzen Linda Franzen	Linda Gonshorowski Raphael Gonshorowski Denny Vittetoe
Gift Family	Teresa Beenblossom	Chad Edeker
Altar Server		Morgan Leichty
Lector	Daniel Voss	Dennis Ives
Music	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

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— 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, May 2

Tuesday, May 3

MASS-Cletus Reed 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, May 4

MASS-Darleen Bernard 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, May 5

NO MASS

No Rosary

No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 6

MASS-Audrey Fink 8:00 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, May 7

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Dennis Greiner 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, May 8

MASS-Florence Schumacher 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

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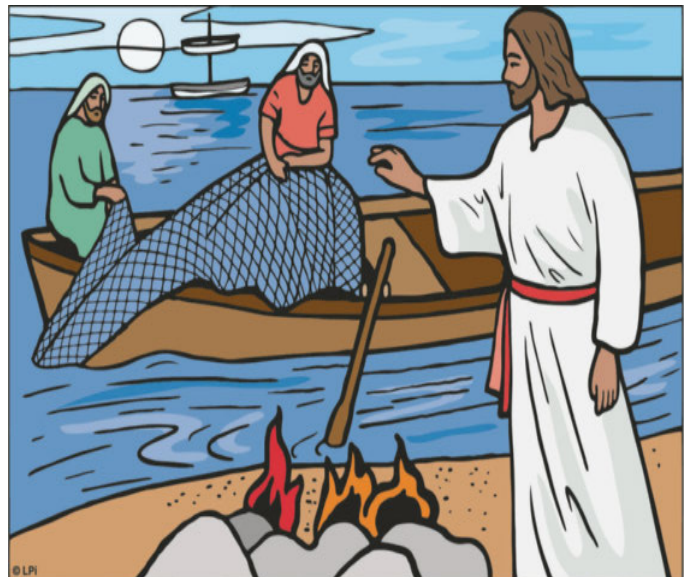
- I prefer electronic communication.
 I would like to join St. James Parish.
 I'm moving away, please remove me from roster.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? ©LPi





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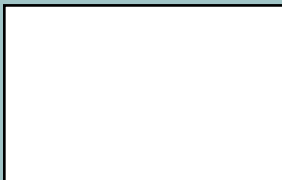
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