

4TH Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 8, 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



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

- Jn 10:27-28a

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NOTES/NEWS

LIVE THE LITURGY

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. ©LPI

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.

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.

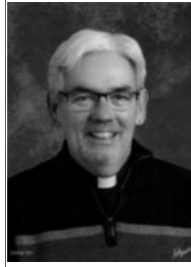
2. Have you ever considered remembering the parish in your estate planning? " or Planning your Will—Remember St. James. A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lifetime legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue 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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A great and wonderful weekend! It is Mother's Day! Be sure to tell your mother you love her. Call her, not just a text. If your mother is no longer here say a prayer for her. Kids, the best gift you can give your mom today is to not yell at or hit your brothers and sisters.

*Our First Communion class is making their 2nd Communion.

*I have new socks on.

May 31st is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So, we are going to have a parish pot luck to celebrate. Bring a dish to share. We will eat at 6 PM.

We are in need of Altar Servers, Lectors and Communion Ministers. If you are interested in helping with any of these ministries, please contact Father Bernie. Altar Servers need to be going into 3rd grade or older, Lectors and Communion Ministers need to be Confirmed. We will have a training for Communion Ministers on June 12th after the 9 AM Mass.

Our parish school scholarship is in need of funds. If you can help out, please get us a check as soon as possible. We are 3 to 5000 short of our goal. We will be awarding these funds for next year's school year in early June.

This weekend plants are on sale for Mother's Day. When you go shopping for your yard pick up a few extra for the church. We will take care of potting them or you can bring in a pot already planted.

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!

TRAVELING BASKET

"The Family Connection is a home visitor program for all families with children age prenatal-kindergarten. We provide two home visits per month and use the Parents as Teachers curriculum to teach families about child development and the importance of play in early childhood. Our program is voluntary and absolutely free. We also have incentives for our families and we are seeking donations to enhance our incentive program. If you have any questions or a referral, please call Amy at 319-385-8126."

If you would like to donate please leave the items in the basket locate it in back of church!!

Following is a list of suggestions for the basket:

Hooded towels/washcloths, Diaper cream, Laundry detergent (allergen free), Dish and hand soap, Shampoo and conditioner, Deodorant, Baby shampoo and wash, Pacifiers, Bibs, Sippy cups, Educational toys (no batteries), Teething rings, rattles and other infant toys, Bottles and Baby blankets

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c], Rv 7:9, 14b-17, Jn 10:27-30
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27, Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Jn 15:9-17
 Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27, Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Rv 21:1-5a, Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

MAY CROWNING

All parents and St. James Parish members are invited to attend our St. James School May Crowning **at 8:10am on Tuesday, May 17th in Tobin Hall.**

What is May Crowning?

May Crowning is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual held during the month of May. It is a solemn procession of flowers. At the close of the procession the statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland or crown of flowers honoring Mary as "the Queen of May." It is a tradition at St. James School to give the honor of crowning Mary to the oldest Catholic girl attending St. James School. This year the honor will go to Alexis Pacha!

Why a Crowning?

The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ.



	Saturday, May 14th 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 15th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Jolene Colthurst Deanna Meyer	Pat Fritz Emily Klopfenstein Christal Quigley
Gift Family	5th Grade Students	Karen Dennler
Altar Server		Hattie Longbine William Longbine
Lector		Jerry Strabala
Music	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 Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don't have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate. — 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 9

Tuesday, May 10

MASS-Mary Redlinger 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, May 11

MASS-Gary McClure 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, May 12

MASS-Mary Bump 8:00 am (CH)

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, May 13

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

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, May 14

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Delores Franzen 5:30 pm (CH)

5th Grade Brunch 6:00 pm (CH)

Sunday, May 15

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.

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

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.
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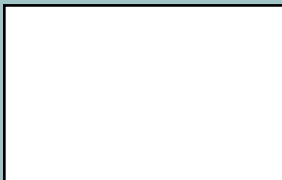
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