

5th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 15, 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



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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Mission Statement

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

NOTES/NEWS

LIVE THE LITURGY

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again. ©LPi

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

We are at \$107,068.43 we need \$42,931.51 to receive our \$1,000 check from Hy-vee! Keep bringing your Hy-vee receipts there are boxes located at each entrance of the church.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS & POP CANS

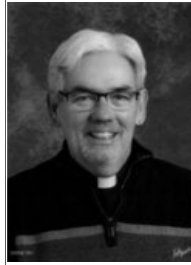
St. James school still takes cans for the shed and Hy-Vee receipts. We do not collect soup labels or Box Tops any longer. Box Tops for education has changed to an app in which you can scan your Box Tops to benefit St. James School.

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“NO TIME IS
EVER LOST BY
PRAYER, FOR
THOSE WHO
PRAY ARE
WORKERS
TOGETHER
WITH GOD.”
- ST. ISIDORE



Starting June 1st, the Wednesday Mass will be at 8 AM until school starts again in the fall.

There is only a week of school to go this school year. Be sure to read 2 or 3 books this summer.

Sunday May 22nd we will be honoring our graduating High School Seniors at the 9 AM Mass. There will be a reception following the Mass. Everyone is invited to join us.

May 24th is the last day of the school year. Everyone looks forward to getting out for the summer. (At Least the students do. I'm not sure about the parents.) We will be here waiting for you to return in August. Your homework for the summer is to grow tall, and read 2 or 3 chapter books this summer.

On May 31st we will be having a parish potluck to celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We ask that you bring a dish to share. Whatever we get for food is what we will be enjoying. Everyone always brings their best stuff. That is why potlucks are so tasty. Who did Mary go to visit? Come to the potluck for the answer.

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

APRIL 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 4/24/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$3,106.00	-\$2,092.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$6,690.00	\$4,094.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$303.00	-\$43.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$186.00	-\$170.00
Other/Holiday		\$10.00	\$10.00
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$10,295.00	\$1,799.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		\$3,450.00

Readings for the Week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27, Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Rv 21:1-5a, Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10, Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12, Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4], Rv 21:10-14, 22-23, Jn 14:23-29

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 21st 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 22nd 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Monika Chalupa John Colbert	Janice Carr Regina Schantz Eric Turner
Gift Family		Lori Fritz
Altar Server		Morgan Leichty
Lector	Pat Gent	Heidi Vittetoe
Music	Dave Miller & Kirk Hittner	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

Loving as New Creations

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.
 — 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 16

Tuesday, May 17

MASS-Wyatt Miller 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, May 18

MASS-Susanna & William Ryan 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, May 19

MASS-Florence Schumacher 8:00 am (CH)

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, May 20

MASS-Al & Mary Chebuhar 8:00 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, May 21

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Anita Zahs 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, May 22

MASS-Keith Cutkomp 9:00 am (CH)

Senior Brunch 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](http://www.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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Address _____

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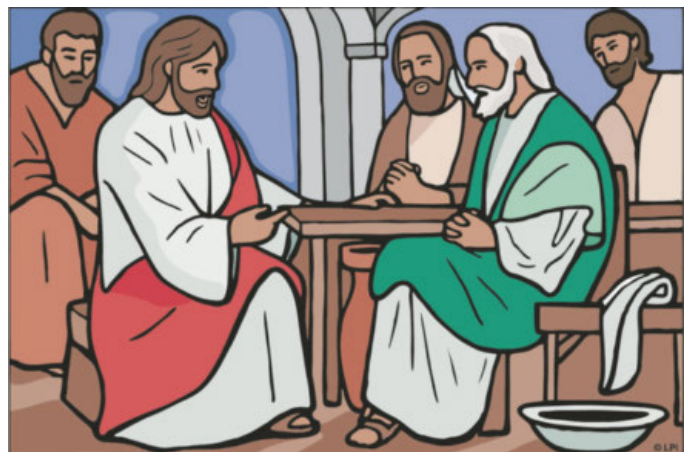
- I prefer electronic communication.
- I would like to join St. James Parish.
- I'm moving away, please remove me from roster.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both. ©LPI





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