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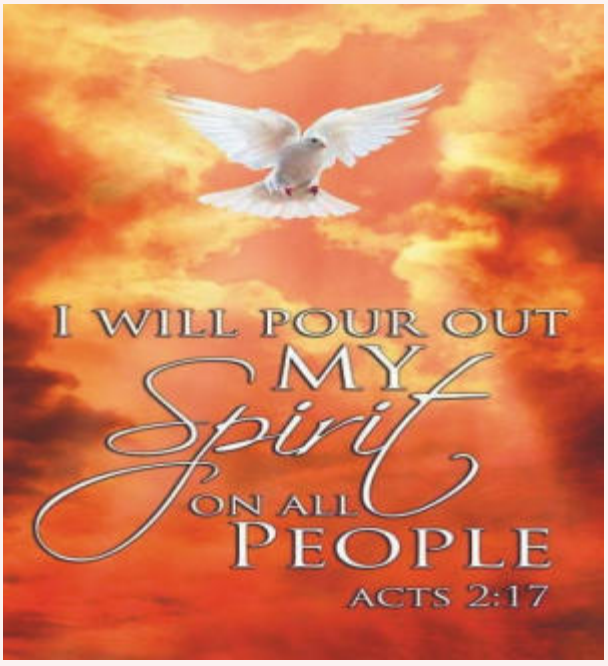
Pray for our Youth

Our Confirmation this year will be on Tuesday, April 20 at St. Mary's, Upsala. Thank you Parents, Sponsors, Teachers, and others who have helped form them over the years to accept and welcome the Spirit. This Sacrament is our personal share in the mystery of Pentecost - while we might not immediately know where the Spirit will lead us, all we need to do is be open to that Voice and the Counselor will be our guide.

Congratulations to our Children who are receiving the Holy Eucharist first time in life. They have so much enthusiasm and expectations about the future, so please hold them in your prayers and lead them to Jesus. Thank you to parents, teachers and family members who have helped them to experience God's love and presence in this journey of faith. Special thanks to the Faith Formation Teachers, especially the Directors: Kelly Brinkman and Marsha Krebs and all Volunteers for your great help and sacrifice for our Children.



Confirmation Candidates 2021

Antonia "Anthony of Padua" Bontjes
Emma "Joan of Arc" Miller
Grant "Peregrine" Stich
Claire "Claire" Zupko
Julia "Teresa of Avila" Stich
Madison "Gemma Gelgani" Westerman
Lauren "Eligius" Wiherski
Jacee "Rose of Lima" Hegg
Emma "Catherine of Siena" Jares
Abby "Sophia" Jares
Abigail "Gwen" Bryce
Monica "Gemma Galgani" Czech
Tyler "Sebastian" Czech
Alex "Joseph of Cupertino" Robinson
Ashton "Andrew" Schwinn
Avery "Genevieve" Zimmermann
Logan "Nicholas" Witt (from OLOL)

I want to acknowledge and thank you all for attending the Services during Holy Week. May the risen Lord bless our families with His New Life and Spirit. I also want to thank you for your generous contributions during these days especially for Easter. I want to thank all our liturgical ministers and Volunteers for your continued help with the Liturgies. Our Churches and the surroundings look really nice and beautiful with all the decorations and arrangements. I want to THANK each and every one of you for taking good care of our Churches. May God Bless you and Keep you safe! Love and prayers! *Fr. Jimmy*

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Collections this week: 4/11/21

Good Friday	**$ 15.00**
Maintenance	**$ 330.00**
Adult	**$ 705.00**
Latin	**$1,058.18**
Easter	**$ 368.00**
Easter Latin	**$ 507.00**
Loose	**$ 130.00**
Total	**$3,113.18**

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Collections this week: 4/11/21

Rice Bowl	**$ 4.26**
Maintenance	**$ 555.00**
Adult	**$1,360.00**
Loose	**$ 8.00**
Total	**$1,927.26**

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH

Collections this week: 4/11/21

Maintenance	**$ 280.00**
Adult	**$ 855.00**
Loose	**$ 26.00**
Easter	**$ 810.00**
Total	**$1,971.00**

Please join us in saying the ***Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Benediction***

† Every Monday **St. James - 6:00 pm - Live Stream** †

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (Gilman) presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Thursday May 6 at 6:30 pm.** Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. (Fr. Carlos has the "largest traveling display, of (sacred) relics in the world".) Among the treasures will be relics of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and many have been come about through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, metals, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Check out the website for more information. https://treasuresofthechurch.com/

The Morrison County Chapter of MCCL Dinner will be at the Falls Ballroom Sunday, April 25th, 2021. No walk -in seating is available this year, please reserve your tickets by calling Sue Houdek at 320-630-7045 by April 12, 2021. Main Speaker is Ginny Rogers the Executive Director of Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center. Any donation of new baby items for the Choose Life drive will be given to this organization for their program. If you have donations for the silent-auction please call Gerri Klimek 320-632-8215.Thank you.

Wedding Banns

Emily Susan Suska
&
Blake Andrew Guggenberger

Social group dues will be collected April 18th before and after church. If you are unable to pay, please send them to Karen Trutwin. You may also call her at 632-9705 if you have any questions.

Raffle tickets are available by contacting
Jay Brezinka at 320-630-9353 or
Kevin Evans at 320-630-0490

There will be another "**Farmers to Families"** USDA food distribution at St James on Sunday, April 25th around 4:00PM. Volunteers should show up between 2:30 - 3:00PM. Recipients are allowed to start lining up at 3:00PM. Pass the word around to others who could use a box of food. Please consider taking a box of food to the elderly, shut-ins or others that we could deliver to.

April 17 - 18, 2021
Bishop's Annual Appeal: "Gifts Offered by Human Hands." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

You are invited to come and watch a 7-part series of 20 - 30 minute videos on *Mondays* after the Rosary around 7:00PM in the back hall at St James. These videos are from "The Search" from the online subscription to **"FORMED".** The next video we will be viewing:

Episode 2—Who Are You?

We want to the thank the Latin parishioners for their donation for the purchase of our new votive stand, which will be here shortly. God Bless!

Let's Talk Jesus: Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

Happy Easter! During Easter time, we not only go on Easter egg hunts and eat yummy goodies. We Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has risen from the grave, conquering sin and death and triumphing over evil. But why does Easter last for fifty days instead of just eight days or one day? One of the reasons it's fifty days long is that back in the old Testament, fifty was a big, important number. It was seven weeks, a week of weeks so to say, with one extra day. Seven was the number of perfection back then. As one Catholic Digest article states, "[The] extra day was the Eighth Day, the same name they gave to Sunday — the day of resurrection, the day that symbolized eternity." This is one of the reasons why Easter is fifty days long, because it is the most glorious and beautiful season of the year. Another reason is that after Jesus rose from the dead, he stayed on earth for fifty days until his Ascension. During that time, we are joyful and celebrate with Christ, for He is alive and walking among us. So even though Easter week has come and gone, you don't need to stop rejoicing, for Easter isn't over! Keep the spirit of the season with you until Pentecost and even then, you can still celebrate. Every Sunday is a mini Easter, meaning you can celebrate the Easter season all year long. Christians are a people of hope and Easter is the greatest season and cause of hope ever!

Last week, we also celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a day of great mercy, the day when our Lord shows us His love and compassion for the whole human race. The floodgates of Heaven open up and God showers all mankind with the flood of His unfathomable mercy. Usually, we think of Him as a judge, wanting to punish and condemn us for our sins and failures. Yes, God is a judge, but a just judge and He will truly judge us at the end of our lives. For now, He is a God of mercy and love. He pours out graces and blessings upon us, helping us to forget about our sins and follow Christ instead. That's what God's mercy is all about: He showers it upon us so that our sins wash away. Then we have that second chance to repent and turn back to God. If we take that chance, we will slowly see ourselves becoming little saints. We can even go out into the world and share God's love and mercy with others so that they can repent of their sins as well. So you can see that God's mercy is a pathway to the conversion of the whole world!

I want to conclude with a few passages from Sr. Faustina's diary, where Jesus talks about His love and mercy for the whole world: "**Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy** (301)… I **am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy** (998)… **Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you. Tell the friend of My heart that I use such feeble creatures to carry out My work** (498)… **The Feast of My Mercy** [Divine Mercy Sunday] **has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world** (1517). God bless you and God's mercy be with you this blessed Easter season.

Let's Talk Jesus: Communion (For Kids) ~ By Julia Stich

Hey first communicants! Remember when you received your first Holy Communion? Wasn't that a beautiful day? You had been getting ready for a long time and then you received Jesus into your heart. Did you know that? Did you know that every time you go to Mass you are visiting Jesus? That every time you receive Holy Communion Jesus comes to be with you? Isn't that amazing?

What does holy mean? Holy means a very special thing. It is very good and beautiful and it is special. We call Communion "Holy Communion" because it is a very special gift that God gives us. Holy Communion is a present we get every Sunday! Just like at Christmas! How wonderful!

Why would Jesus want to live in you? Because He loves you! When Jesus is in your heart, He can be with you and see what you do every day. You can show him your bedroom, your toys, and your friends and family. When you say your prayers, you can talk to Him and He will be there to listen to you! Of course, Jesus is always with you. He is a spirit and spirits can be anywhere. But in Holy Communion, He is with you in a special way.

He can also work in you. That means that He can take your heart (because He is in it) and change it so that you will start to love Him a little more each day! He will help you want to do good and nice things and to be kind to everyone. Then you can be a saint!

That is why it is important to go to Mass every single Sunday and to pay attention at Mass. Then you can keep Jesus in your heart and He can keep helping you. But if you can't get to church because of the Coronavirus, make sure to watch it online with your family. Then say a prayer asking Jesus to come into your heart:

Jesus, I love you and I want you to be in my heart.
But I can't go to Mass right now. Will you come to me?
Can you come and be in my heart so you can help me every day?
Thank you Jesus for being with me always.
Amen.

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Sacred Heart— Office 632-6930
St. James—Carmen Maschler 749-2232

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism: Call pastor to arrange pre-baptismal classes.

Reconciliation: 45 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment.

Weddings: Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Call parish office for homebound/ hospitalized.

Prayer Corner

We Pray for… Lorraine Altrichter**,** Terry Andres**,** Luann Baggentoss, Kristina Becker, Brad, **Ca**thy Bygd, Ron Czech, Shari Danzien, Ron Frey, Father Glen Frerichs**,** Irene Fussy, Terry Garrison, Renee Gummert, Ron Holthaus, Joe Kuchinski**,** Joyce McDonald**,** Lois Olson, Denny Patton, Jeff Pauls, Connie Plumski, Brittany Varner, Bob Mahling, Kitty Mazzarro, John Sobiech, Rick Sullivan, Dylan Thornborrow**,** Joanne Wenning**,** Liz Mahling Wheeler, Norman Williams, Greg Yourczek**,** Bunny Zimmerman and All our service men and women.

We pray for all those in the nursing home and those who are homebound.

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner for ***two months*** unless requested to come off earlier. If a name comes off that you want put back on, please politely call the parish office or the contact for your parish to have them put back on.

REMINDER: In order for names to be on our prayer corner the ***INDIVIDUAL or a FAMILY MEMBER*** must inform the parish office or the prayer line contact for your parish. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to put names without their permission on our prayer list. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 4/19	**No Mass**	
6:00pm Rosary	**Live Stream**	**St. James**
Tuesday, 4/20		**St. Stanislaus**
8:00am Mass		† Audrey Welinski
7:00pm Mass	**Live Stream**	**St. James**
		Prayer Blanket Recipients
Wednesday, 4/21	**No Mass**	
Thursday, 4/22		**St. James**
8:00 am Mass		†Jeanette Petrick
6:00 pm Mass		**St. Stanislaus**
	Live Stream	Rosary Society L & D
Friday, 4/23		**Sacred Heart**
8:00 am Mass	**Live Stream**	†Merrilee Temple Maki
Saturday, 4/24		**Sacred Heart**
4:30 pm Mass		†Ethel Karpinski
Sunday, 4/25		**St. Stanislaus**
8:30 am Mass		†Judie Hennes
Sunday, 4/25	**Live Stream**	**St. James**
10:30 am Mass		† Fr. Al Quade
Sunday, 4/25		**Sacred Heart**
10:00 am Mass		**Latin**

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