

The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 9, 2022

# SAINT JAMES PARISH

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday .....5:30pm  
Sunday .....9:00am  
11:30am Spanish

## Rosary

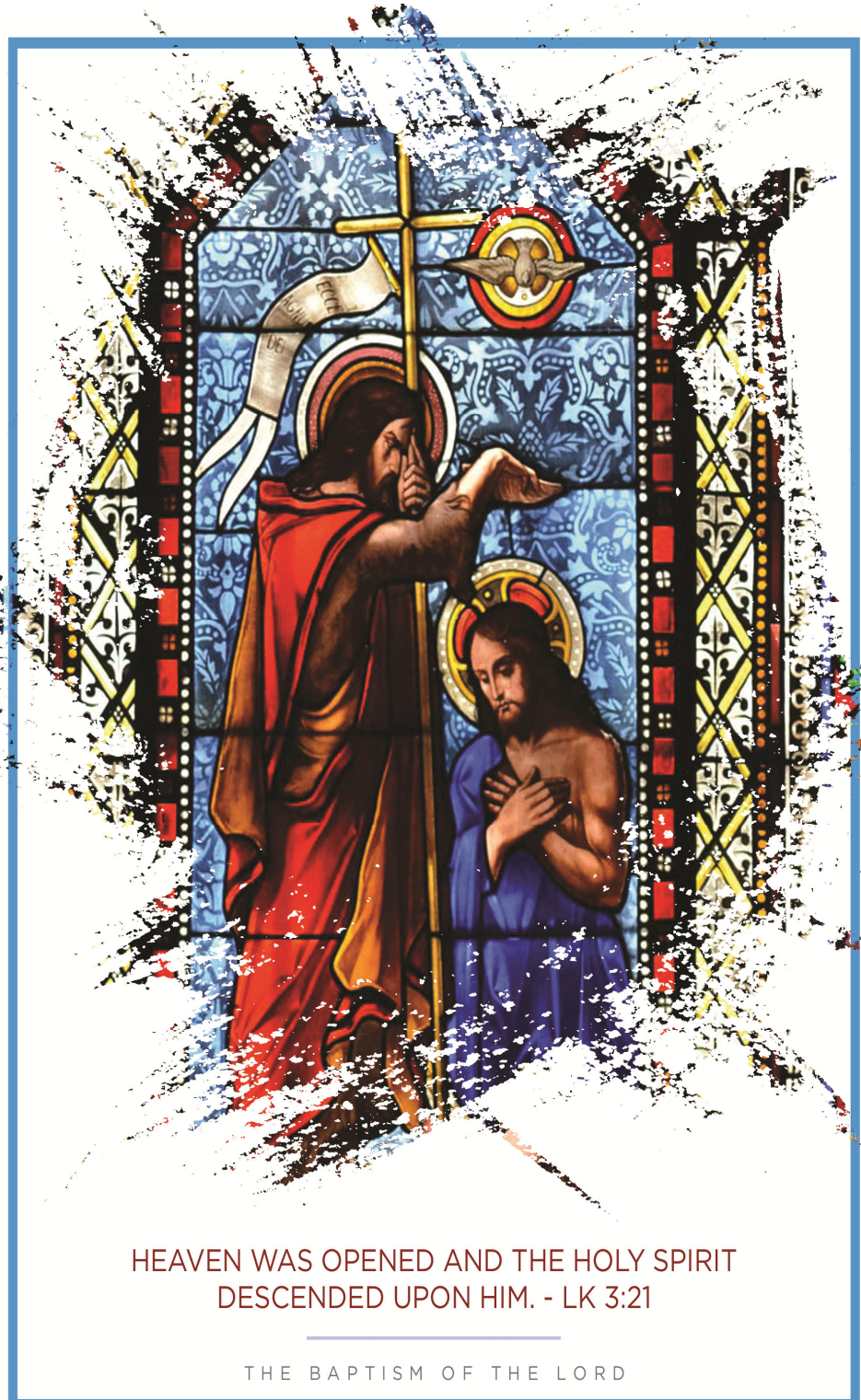
Thursday..... 8:30am

## Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday..... 6:00pm  
Friday..... 8:30am



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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### Mission Statement

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



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## NOTES/NEWS

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

### 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.

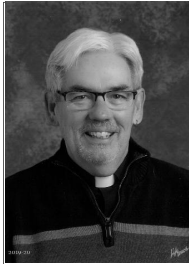
### ST. JAMES CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS

The 2021 contributions statements will be available in the back of the church for you to pick up beginning Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. If your envelope is not picked up. It will be mailed out on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### STO & ADA STATEMENTS

STO and ADA contributions statements will be sent directly from the STO and ADA offices.

**Contribution statements from the Diocese of Davenport** will be mailed to those who donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal in 2020. A separate contribution statement will also be mailed to those who donated to the Catholic Foundation in 2020. If you donated to both the Diocese and the Foundation, you will receive two statements. Both **statements will be mailed January 24, 2022** and marked as important on the envelope. If you have questions regarding your contributions contact the Diocese: 563-324-1911.



The Christmas season comes to an end today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is important that we always keep the love of Christ in our hearts.

If school is delayed or canceled because of weather we will not have the morning Mass. We will also cancel any evening activities or meetings. Stay safe!

At long last we have permission to restart having Mass at Halcyon House! It will be at 3:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. In January, the Mass is open **only** to Halcyon Residents. It is our hope to be able to open the Mass to everyone in February. We will let you know.

Don't forget to be working on Lap Quilts for our Giving Tuesday Project. We will have a quilt tying event on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Youth Room. Bring any quilts you need tied and we will all work together to get as many done as we can. We will go from 10:30 to noon. I will have lunch for us. We hope to have 20 quilts ready to go by Ash Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our new Adult Faith Formation program starts tomorrow, January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the series, "The Search". This is a 7 week program. The meetings will be held at 2504 Quince Avenue, two miles East of Washington at 7:00 pm. The program will be in English.

### 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

Jan. 9 & 23  
Feb. 6 Deep Root Sunday, 13 & 27  
Mar. 6 Deep Root Sunday, 20 & 27  
Apr. 3 Deep Root Sunday, 10 & 24

#### No Classes on the following Sunday:

Jan. 16 & 30      Feb. 20      Mar. 13      Apr. 17

### CONFIRMATION

#### CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES BEGIN ON JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>!

If your teen is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older, it is time to start preparing for Confirmation! Preparation consists of 12 sessions in the spring and 8 sessions in the fall before the Confirmation ceremony on November 19, 2022. Attendance is mandatory and class will meet in Tobin Hall basement from 8:00am – 11:00am on Sundays. If you have not registered your child, please contact the parish office for information and to register.

DECEMBER 2021	Weekly Budget	Week : Christmas	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$1,170.00	-\$4,028.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$5,813.00	\$3,217.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$559.00	\$213.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$0.00	-\$356.00
Other/Holiday		\$6,028.00	\$6,028.00
<b>Budget Weekly</b>	<b>\$8,496.00</b>	<b>\$13,570.00</b>	<b>\$5,074.00</b>
<b>YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS</b>			<b>-\$3,356.00</b>

**Readings for the Week of January 9, 2021**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8, Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19, Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11, Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25, Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Ps 89:16-17, 18-19, Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a, Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5, Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3], 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
 St. James Parish will be in charge of Meals on Wheels deliveries for **March 1st-31st**. Meals on Wheels is the daily personal delivery of lunch to the homebound. You'll be delivering nutritious meals, warm smiles, and safety checks that help keep Washington's seniors healthy, safe, and living independently in their own homes.

We ask that you commit to delivering meals for a full week. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday only. We also ask that you go with a partner for ease of navigation. Please contact the parish office to sign up.

**THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER**  
**Catholic Messenger is a source for the good news!**  
*The Catholic Messenger* provides news about the diocese and the world and offers a forum for readers to express their thoughts about faith-related issues. *The Messenger* is a source of evangelization and spiritual formation to enrich Catholic life and faith. It's a real value at **\$29 per year for 50 issues – print or e-edition**. Subscribe to *The Catholic Messenger* through your parish.

The parish has to pay for any Catholic Messenger subscriptions that are not covered. **This year our unpaid subscriptions were more than 4000 dollars. Please help if you can.**

	Saturday, Jan. 15th 5:30 pm	Sunday, Jan. 16th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Gift Family		
Lector		
Music	↓	↓

**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**

**I Hope I Am Like Him**

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?  
 — 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](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

## This week at St. James . .

Monday, January 10	
Tuesday, January 11	
<b>MASS</b> -The People	8:00 am (CH)
Wednesday, January 12	
<b>MASS</b> -Mary Bump	8:25 am (CH)
Thursday, January 13	
<b>MASS</b> -Chris & Bessie Earnest	8:00 am (CH)
Rosary Walk	8:30 am (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 pm (CH)
Friday, January 14	
<b>MASS</b> -Jim Harris	8:00 pm (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration	8:30 am (CH)
Saturday, January 15	
Confessions	4:30 pm (CH)
<b>MASS</b> -Al & Mary Chebuhar	5:30 pm (CH)
Sunday, January 16	
<b>MASS</b> -Maude Kennedy	9:00 am (CH)
<b>MASS</b> -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://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

### The Baptism of the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

