



2nd Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 5, 2023

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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



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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Mission Statement

“To Glorify God through Word, Worship and Service”.

NOTES/NEWS

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid? ©LPi

IOWA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

ICYC is a day-long event for those in grades 6-8 (and their parents).

Date: Sunday, March 26, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Who: Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) and their parents.

Location: Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids

Cost: \$39 (Early Bird) / \$49 (after March 1, 2023)

Featured Speaker/Musician: NCYC 2021 artist **Dana**

Catherine will inspire young people from Eastern Iowa with her amazing message and song. To learn more about Dana Catherine visit www.danacatherinemusic.com.

Registration & waiver forms can be found here <https://clusterparishes.org/faith-formation/youth-ministry/holy-family-parish-youth-group> and turned into

Angie Goodwin or the parish office.

FRANCISCA COMMON VENTURE 2023 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Give a gift of service this year! Share your time and talents with others -- for a day, a week (or longer). Your heart will never be the same! Join others in community, service and prayer. If interested, contact **Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF:** balekm@osfdbq.org or 563- 583-9786. Visit our website for a listing of opportunities and downloadable application materials: www.osfdbq.org/commonventure. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, IA.

"BUZZ-by" Quilting Bee/House-Tidying Franciscan Common Venture Service Trip to the **Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT April 23-29, 2023.** Open to men and women 20+ years of age. Cost: \$125 plus bring \$50 for food purchase on site. Be part of a quilting bee to create quilts used in the Native American ritual of "Give Away" and learn about Native culture as you engage in the ministry of presence – listening and sharing stories. If quilting isn't your thing, there are many housekeeping tasks that could use your help! **Due date to apply is March 27th.** For more information contact Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org or visit www.osfdbq.org/commonventure for application materials and more service opportunities.

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

The Catholic Messenger's current subscription rate of \$29 **will increase \$1 effective Jan. 1, 2023.** It is the first increase in a decade. The new annual subscription rate will be **\$30 per year.** This amounts to a nominal price increase of just 2 cents per edition, making *The Catholic Messenger* an exceptional bargain at 60 cents per edition.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes meet on the following Sundays from 10:00-11:15AM. (unless noted otherwise)
Parents, Guardians, and/or extended family members, please accompany your children on the first Sunday of every month for *Deep Root Sunday: Family-Based Learning on the Richness of Our Catholic Faith*.

March 5-Deep Root Sunday

March 12

March 19

March 26-No Class

April 2-Palm Sunday-Deep Root Sunday

April 9-No Class

April 16

April 23

Confirmation

9th graders meet from 8am-11am in Tobin Hall basement.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

Come to our ... **As You Are** Retreat Weekend!

It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other people in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday life to have fun and not have to cook or clean, you'll find what you're looking for-and more.

Thursday, March 30th, 6-10pm (dinner included)

Friday, March 31st, 6-10pm (dinner included)

Saturday, April 1st, 8am-noon (breakfast included)

You deserve to live with passion and purpose! Plan to be here for all three sessions. We'll meet at St. James Parish Tobin Hall. You may pick up a registration form at any entrance to the church OR register online at stjameswashington.org. For more information call the parish office at 319-653-4504.

KC FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will be serving Fish Fry from **5:30 pm-7:00 pm** at KC Hall on **Friday nights:**

Mar. 10, 17, 24 & 31

DRIVE THRU ONLY

For more info contact Dave Schantz at (319)750-2451.

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.

FEBRUARY 2023	Weekly Budget	Week : 2/12/23	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$3,292.00	-\$2,010.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,515.00	-\$1,081.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$379.00	\$33.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$971.00	-\$615.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,600.00	\$6,157.00	-\$2,443.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			-\$4,732.00

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2023

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22), 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10, Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16, Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8), Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH-BUDGET ENVELOPE

The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company, Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of your February/March envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

	Saturday, March 11th 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 12th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Jolene Colthurst Dennis Franzen Linda Franzen Ann Harris Mike Moses	Linda Gonshorowski Regina Schantz Jerry Strabala Denny Vittetoe Heidi Vittetoe
Gift Family	Jolene Colthurst	Chad Edeker
Altar Server		Hattie Longbine William Longbine
Lector	Ann Harris	Dennis Ives
Music		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

The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33
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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, March 6

Tuesday, March 7

NO MASS

Communion Service 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, March 8

NO MASS

Communion Service 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, March 9

NO MASS

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, March 10

NO MASS

Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (TH)

Saturday, March 11

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Alvin & Jeannette Vittetoe 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, March 12

MASS-Joseph & Josephine Tiriplett 9:00 am (CH)
& Laura Fisher

Cookies & Coffee 10:00 am (TH)

Faith Formation 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 washingtontkchall.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

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him."** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— Father John Muir

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