

4th Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 19, 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



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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Mission Statement

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

NOTES/NEWS

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.
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CHURCH ENVELOPES

As we have announced over the past few weeks, there was a shipping problem with our donation envelope vendor. Many of you did not receive your envelopes for February and March. They have assured us, they will be getting them out for April. We have seen a decrease in giving in the past few weeks, so **please** in the meantime, continue to give as normal. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE YOUR PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES TO GIVE!**

Here is how:

- Mail or drop a check in the basket at mass. Please write which fund you would like your donation to go to in the memo line
- Place cash in an envelope with your name and which fund you would like your donation to go to written on the envelope.

YOU WILL GET CREDIT FOR YOUR DONATIONS ON YOUR ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS EVEN WITHOUT PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JAMES!

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm-Bilingual
Good Friday 3:00 pm-English and 7:00 pm-Bilingual
Holy Saturday 8:30 pm-English
Easter Sunday 9:00 am-English and 11:30 am-Spanish

Did You Know? Good Friday is the only day of the year that there is no Mass anywhere in the world. There is a liturgy and communion; however there is no consecration that day. The Body and Blood of Christ are not reserved in the church.

HOLY WEEK HELP NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for Holy Week Services. Please indicate how you can help by signing up on the sign-up sheets in the back of church.

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.

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 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**:

March 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.

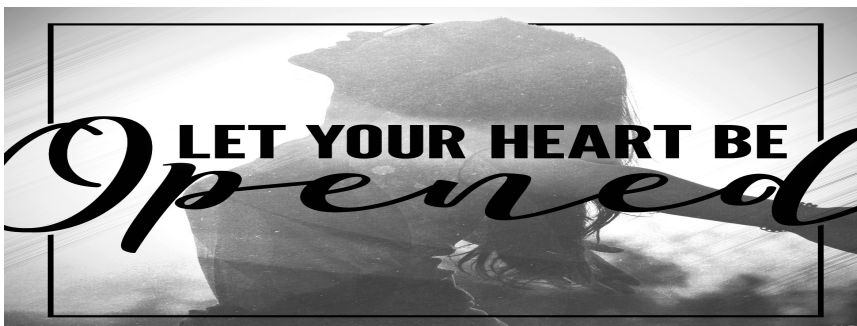
MARCH 2023	Weekly Budget	Week : 3/5/23	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$4,270.00	-\$1,032.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,772.00	-\$824.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$476.00	\$130.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$361.00	\$5.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,600.00	\$6,879.00	-\$1,721.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		-\$12,193.00

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1), Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14, Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7), Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be available for **\$10.00** each to decorate the church for the upcoming Easter season. Please make checks out to St James Church and drop it off at the Parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Please write **Easter Lily** in the memo line. Please indicate who the Lily is in memory of.



	Saturday, March 25th 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 26th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Melissa Hennigan Tina Knutson Mike Moses Cindy Moses Jean Wehr	Benice Cerdana Linda Gonshorowski Raphael Gonshorowski Denny Vittetoe Volunteer Needed
Gift Family	Jolene Colthurst	James Nebel
Altar Server		Hattie Longbine William Longbine
Lector	Daniel Voss	Don Sabaski
Music	James Crossroads	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

Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see."
— 1 Samuel 16:7

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This week at St. James . .

Monday, March 20

Tuesday, March 21

NO MASS

Communion Service 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, March 22

NO MASS

Communion Service 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, March 23

NO MASS

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, March 24

NO MASS

Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm (CH)

Saturday, March 25

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Carla Lumberg 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, March 26

MASS-Marge & Moe Strabala 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

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **"How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?"** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. **"I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,"** announces the Lord, **"for I have chosen my king from among his sons."** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

7:00 P.M. - DINNER SERVED

LEBOWSKI'S ROCK-N-BOWL

CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS

8:30 P.M.

\$5,000 ~ \$2,500 ~ \$1,500 ~ \$1,000

\$100 EVENT TICKET

1 ENTRY INTO PRIZE DRAWING,
SEATED DINNER FOR 2 GUESTS
& LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SILENT AUCTION

THEMED BASKETS &
FRESH FLOWER PLANTERS

PURCHASE TICKETS

ONLINE: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z49X>

JOHN GREINER: 319-863-3599 ~ TARA LUERS: 920-390-0232

KIM FARRELL: kfarrell@sjknights.org ~ KCII RADIO STATION

LET'S GLOW FOR ST. JAMES SCHOOL!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ST. JAMES HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

TICKETS ATTACHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.
MINIMUM 50 TICKETS - MAXIMUM 100 TICKETS - 5 MINUTES TO BUY - NO CASH, NO CHECKS, NO CREDIT