

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, July 31, 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



## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

- Lk 12:20-21

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### Mission Statement

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

## NOTES/NEWS

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently. ©LPI

### SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

#### IT'S TIME TO CLAIM YOUR 75% STATE OF IOWA TAX CREDIT!

As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need attend St. James School through a qualifying contribution to the *School Tuition Organization (STO) of Southeast Iowa*. Each donor will receive an **Iowa income tax credit equal to 75%** of the donation. The gift may also qualify for a charitable deduction on your federal income tax return. Visit [www.stoseiowa.org](http://www.stoseiowa.org) or call Mary Sue Marek 319-653-4504 ext. 3 to learn more. **OUR STO GOAL HAS INCREASED BY 25% to \$100,000 for 2022!** Please help us reach our goal by giving now!

### THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

I wanted to inform you that *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.

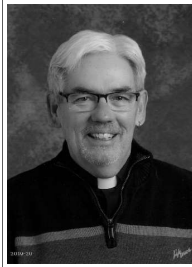
### ENCORE EXPRESS MEALS FOR SENIORS 60+!

Encore Express is "your second call to enhance your health" This new and innovative program features:

- Bi-monthly meal catered by Hy-vee
- Vouchers for meals at Hy-vee
- Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5 for those over 60+
- Charge of \$8 per meal for those under 60
- Evidence-Based Programs (Chronic Disease Self-Management, Tai Chi, Stepping On and more)
- Nutrition Education & Counseling
- Opportunities to socialize

Food is served at 11:30am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month.

Reservation are encouraged to ensure enough food. To **make a reservation call** Immanuel Lutheran Church at **(319) 653-3950**.



Well, we are starting August. 23 days until the first day of School. Back to school night is August 17<sup>th</sup>. We are almost ready.

Francisco is working hard to get the school ready. It is be all sparkly and clean.

When you go shopping this month pick up a few extra school supplies. Drop them off in the office or the back of the church and we will get them to the students who can use them.

It is time to start thinking about giving to the STO. Our goal has gone up 25 percent. That will be a great help to our students if we fill or goal. The parish scholarship funds are also in great need of funds. We are starting the year with less than 2,000 dollars in the account.

**I will be gone from August 9<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.** At least a few of these days I will be on a beach. Father Martin will be here for the weekend Masses. There will be no daily Masses. The weekend Masses will not be live on Facebook.

The Suicide hotline number has changed it number to 988. This can be called for any mental heath issues.

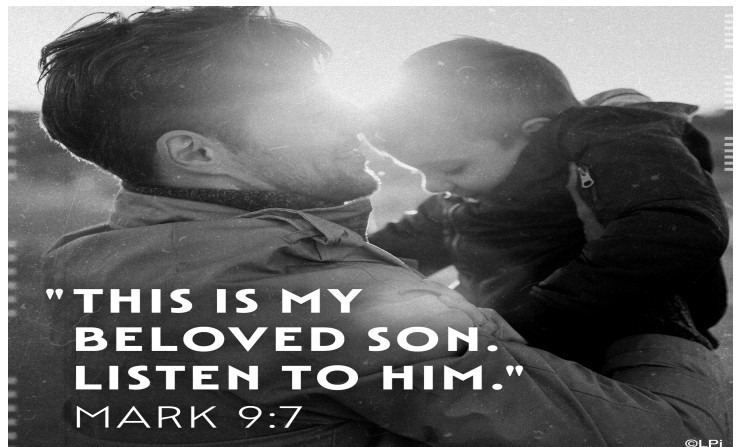
### 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Every year the Bishop of Davenport Diocese recognizes couple who are celebrating 50 years of marriage by having a special Mass and blessing. If you know of someone who will be celebrating please email your name and address to [gdiacz@sjknights.org](mailto:gdiacz@sjknights.org) by **August 24th**.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

St. James Parish will be in charge of Meals on Wheels deliveries for **October 3rd-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. **The sign up sheet is in the back of church or you may call the parish office to sign up.**



JULY 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 7/10/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$4,418.00	-\$884.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$2,484.00	-\$112.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$355.00	\$9.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$81.00	-\$275.00
Other/Holiday			
<b>Budget Weekly</b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>	<b>\$7,338.00</b>	<b>-\$1,262.00</b>
	<b>YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS</b>		<b>-\$3,585.00</b>

JULY 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 7/3/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$4,446.00	-\$856.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,118.00	-\$1,478.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$202.00	-\$144.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$511.00	\$155.00
Other/Holiday			
<b>Budget Weekly</b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>	<b>\$6,277.00</b>	<b>-\$2,323.00</b>
	<b>YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS</b>		<b>-\$2,323.00</b>

<b>Readings for the Week of July 31, 2022</b>	
Sunday:	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23, Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1], Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17, Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102, Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7, Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13, Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19, Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7, Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41, Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9, Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b], Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12, Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

	<b>Saturday, Aug. 6th 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, Aug. 7th 9:00 am</b>
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	John Colbert Jolene Colthurst Tina Knutson Margaret Marie Virginia Schuerman	Katrina Altenhofen Brian Hora Theresa Hora Jerry Strabala Heidi Vittetoe
<b>Gift Family</b>		Lori Fritz
<b>Altar Server</b>		Hattie Longbine William Longbine
<b>Lector</b>	Daniel Voss	Suzanne Horak
<b>Music</b>		Spirit Led Singers

## 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** **What We Store in the Barn**

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.  
 — 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, August 1

Tuesday, August 2

**MASS**-The People 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, August 3

**MASS**-CDA Living & Deceased Members 8:00 am (CH)

Thursday, August 4

**MASS**-Nancy Maere & Mary Bump 8:00 am (CH)  
Rosary 8:30 am (CH)  
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, August 5

**MASS**-Janet Kron 8:00 am (CH)  
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)  
Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, August 6

**MASS**-The People 8:00 am (CH)  
Confession 4:30 pm (CH)  
**MASS**-Jim Ledger & Clarabell Vittetoe 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, August 7

**MASS**-Joseph & Josephine Triple & Laura Fisher 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](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

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©LPi

