

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 25, 2022

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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



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”

- Lk 16:25

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Mission Statement

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

NOTES/NEWS

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes for children in preschool through 10th grade begun! 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. You may register your children for Faith Formation online, or pick up a registration form at any entrance to the church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The ultimate standard for receiving the Sacraments is the readiness and willingness of the recipient. Diocesan Policies encourages students to participate in Faith Formation one full year before starting Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation. This is the minimum required, it should be your expectation that your child attend Faith Formation every year from preschool through high school graduation and beyond!

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child has attended Faith Formation for at least one year and is entering 2nd grade or above and has not yet received their First Communion, they may join our Sacramental Preparation classes on Wednesday evenings starting in October. These classes are in addition to the regular Sunday Faith Formation classes. There will be a parent meeting on **Sunday, September 25th at 10AM** while your child is in Faith Formation class. At that time you will receive a schedule of classes and a packet of materials to get you and your First Communicant started. Questions? Call or e-mail Faith Formation Coordinator, Lori Fritz at 319-653-4504 ext. 4 OR lfritz@sjknights.org

9TH GRADERS: You will begin CONFIRMATION PREP in January 2023. Please watch your email and mail for more information in December.

RCIA

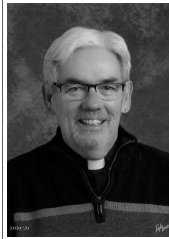
It's not too early to register for the RCIA classes coming up in the fall! Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or simply in need of a refresher course on Catholicism? Invite them to join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Inquiry Class coming up soon. To sign up please call the parish office at 653-4504.

EARTHLY BLESSINGS

Earthly Blessings is looking for a volunteer to clean the store on weekends. (sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, cleaning the windows and bathroom) You can choose the time that works best for you. (Usually from 2pm on Saturday through Monday evening) If you are interested please call the store and leave a message at **(319-653-1004)**. One of the Committee members will get back to you.

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.



Please take a moment to fill out your ADA pledge if you have not done so yet. If you can increase your gift by 10 to 20 dollars that would be great.

So far Faith Formation is off to a good start! You still have time to register your students to attend classes. It is important that everyone understands our faith. We have a deep and rich faith and history. Help your children grow in their love of Christ and His church by having them attend Faith Formation classes.

The seasons are changing fast this month. Stop and enjoy all of the colors of nature. When you see a beautiful tree in someone's yard say a prayer of thanks and ask God's blessing on the family who live there.

Did You Know: What does it mean to lose a language? Deep knowledge, passed down over millennia-gone. Ways of thinking about the lands, the sea, the sky, and the flora and fauna that inhabit them. Rituals and recipes. Myths and memories, erased. And for those who spoke the language, it means losing a part of themselves.

Languages are prisms through which we look at the world. A shared understanding that binds a people together. A diversity of language tells us a little bit about who we are. When a language dies, a sliver of our shared culture vanishes, and humanity is poorer for the loss.

It happens every three months. A language-key to understanding the worlds-fades away. By the end of the century, as much as 90% of the world's 6,500 languages will be gone forever.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass: Sunday, October 23, 2:00 p.m., St. Mary Church, Grinnell. At the request of Bishop Zinkula, the Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring a Mass and informal reception for all couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this year. Couples that were unable to attend prior celebrations are also welcome to participate. Contact the parish office to confirm that we have submitted your names and address.

CDA

The Catholic Daughters are celebrating their 100th year here at St. James. It was actually during Covid but we've put off the celebration until now. Please come join us on **Saturday, October 1st after the 8:00am Mass in Tobin Hall.** We will have a brunch.

ST. JOSEPH'S FALL DINNER

St. Joseph's Church, Wellman, will have their Fried Chicken & Pork Loin Buffet-Style Dinner with homemade dressing, noodles cranberry salad & all the trimmings, on **Sunday, October 2nd, serving from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.** Seating inside and Drive Through Carry Outs.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4 - 10, 3 & under free. Live Auction at 1:30 pm.

SEPTEMBER 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 9/4/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$7,956.00	\$2,654.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,814.00	-\$782.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$266.00	-\$80.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$111.00	-\$245.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,600.00	\$10,147.00	\$1,547.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		-\$4,022.00

AUGUST 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 8/28/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$3,638.00	-\$1,664.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,509.00	-\$1,087.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$243.00	-\$103.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$156.00	-\$200.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,600.00	\$5,546.00	-\$3,054.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		-\$5,569.00

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2022	
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7, Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b], 1 Tm 6:11-16, Lk 16:19-31
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22, Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7, Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8, Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16, Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15, Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130, Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14, Lk 17:5-10

	Saturday, Oct. 1st 5:30 pm	Sunday, Oct. 2nd 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Monika Chalupa John Colbert Ann Harris Tina Knutson Jean Wehr	Katrina Altenhofen Lori Fritz Brian Hora Theresa Hora Jerry Strabala
Gift Family	Jolene Colthurst	Lori Fritz
Altar Server		Hattie Longbine William Longbine
Lector	Ken Lindmeier	Dennis Ives
Music	James Crossroads	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

Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— 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 or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

This week at St. James . .

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

MASS-LeRoy Hammen 8:00 am (CH)
MASS-The People 3:30 pm (Halcyon)

Wednesday, September 28

MASS-Maude Kennedy 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, September 29

MASS-Al & Mary Chebuhar 8:00 am (CH)
 Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)
 Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Friday, September 30

MASS-Bill & Mary Ann Hennigan 8:00 am (CH)
 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)
 Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, October 1

MASS-The People 8:00 am (CH)
 Baptism 11:00 am (CH)
 Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)
MASS-Denny "Dennis" Greiner 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, October 2

MASS-Maude Kennedy 9:00 am (CH)
 Coffee & Cookies 10:00 am (TH)
 Sunday 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 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

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me," preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges." In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)." Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there. ©LPI

