

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 26, 2021

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday5:30pm
Sunday9:00am
11:30am Spanish

Rosary

Thursday..... 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

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



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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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Mission Statement

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

NOTES/NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Wenceslaus Parish of Iowa City will hold their **annual Fall Dinner** on **Sunday, October 3rd, 2021**. Menu will include turkey and all the trimmings plus kolaches. Kolaches available for sale while supplies last. Serving will be Take-Out only from 11:30-3:00. Cost for the dinner is \$11 for adults, \$4 for children 4-10 years and children under 4 are free. Check out our website for the complete dinner menu. St. Wenceslaus web site: www.stwenc-ic.com

LIVE THE LITURGY

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from. ©LPi

REMEMBER ST. JAMES PARISH

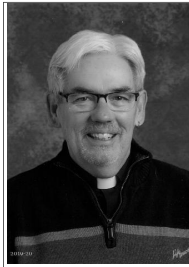
1. Do you own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds? When the account is no longer needed, would you like to make a gift to leave a legacy and support your parish and the Diocese? If so, perhaps you would consider a **transfer on death (TOD)** gifting strategy. With a **TOD** gift, you retain complete ownership 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. **Our parish goal is \$37,854**. If you did not make a commitment this weekend, please return your pledge from to the parish this week. Your support and prayer are greatly appreciated.



As of Today, September 16th, the Fall Fest report shows that we have taken in around 60,000 dollars. The in-person meals were down, but the carry out was way up. We had 260 carry outs. We will give you some final numbers in the next couple of weeks. We were right on track compared to the 2019 Fall Fest. I want to

thank everyone who worked so hard to make Fall Fest a reality this year and everyone who attended in-person or showed their support with a carry out and online.

Bishop Zinkula will be celebrating the Mass on Wednesday, October 6th at 8:25. After Mass he will be visiting the school. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass to greet the Bishop and show our support for St. James Catholic School.

Fall has started or at least keeps trying to start. Check with your neighbors to see if they need any help getting their yards and houses ready for winter. It will be snowing before we know it. (I am so sad about that!)

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 26th at 10AM** while your child is in Faith Formation class. Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate if they were **NOT** baptised at St. James. During this meeting 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

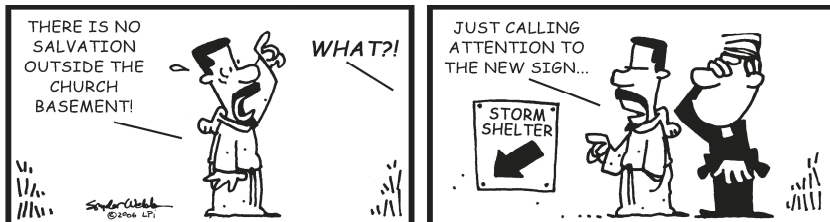
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.



SEPTEMBER 2021	Weekly Budget	Week : 9/29/21	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,198.00	\$10,750.00	\$5,552.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$1,705.00	-\$891.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$185.00	-\$161.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$86.00	-\$270.00
Other/Holiday			
Budget Weekly	\$8,496.00	\$12,726.00	\$4,230.00
YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS			-\$13,446.00

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THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

The Catholic Messenger provides meaningful, must-read coverage in a reader-friendly format – print or E-edition. Bishop Thomas Zinkula uses this communication tool to reach thousands of households. It is an inexpensive investment in adult faith formation and education. It is an aid in spiritual formation and evangelization. And it costs just \$29 per year for 50 issues – print and/or e-edition. Subscribe now 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.**

Readings for the Week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29, Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a], Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8, Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17], Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23], Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1], Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab], Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22, Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9], Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34], Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5], Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

	Saturday, Oct. 2nd 5:30 pm	Sunday, Oct. 3rd 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Daniel Voss Jean Wehr	Christal Quigley
Gift Family	Sarah Nolte	Kevin Reed
Lector	Ann Harris	Karen Dennler
Music	Joe Nichols	Dave Miller & Kirk Hittner

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

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— 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 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 28

MASS-The People 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, September 29

MASS-Keith Cutkomp 8:25 am (CH)

Thursday, September 30

MASS-Carroll & Lucille Reighard 8:00 am (CH)

Rosary 8:30 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, October 1

MASS-Florene Schumacher 8:00 am (CH)

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Prayer Group 7:00 pm (TH)

Saturday, October 2

Confession 4:30 pm (CH)

MASS-Carla Lumberg 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, October 3

MASS-Mary Jane Shaffer 9:00 am (CH)

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

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPI

