

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, October 2, 2022

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:30pm

Sunday9:00am

11:30am Spanish

Rosary

Thursday..... 8:30am

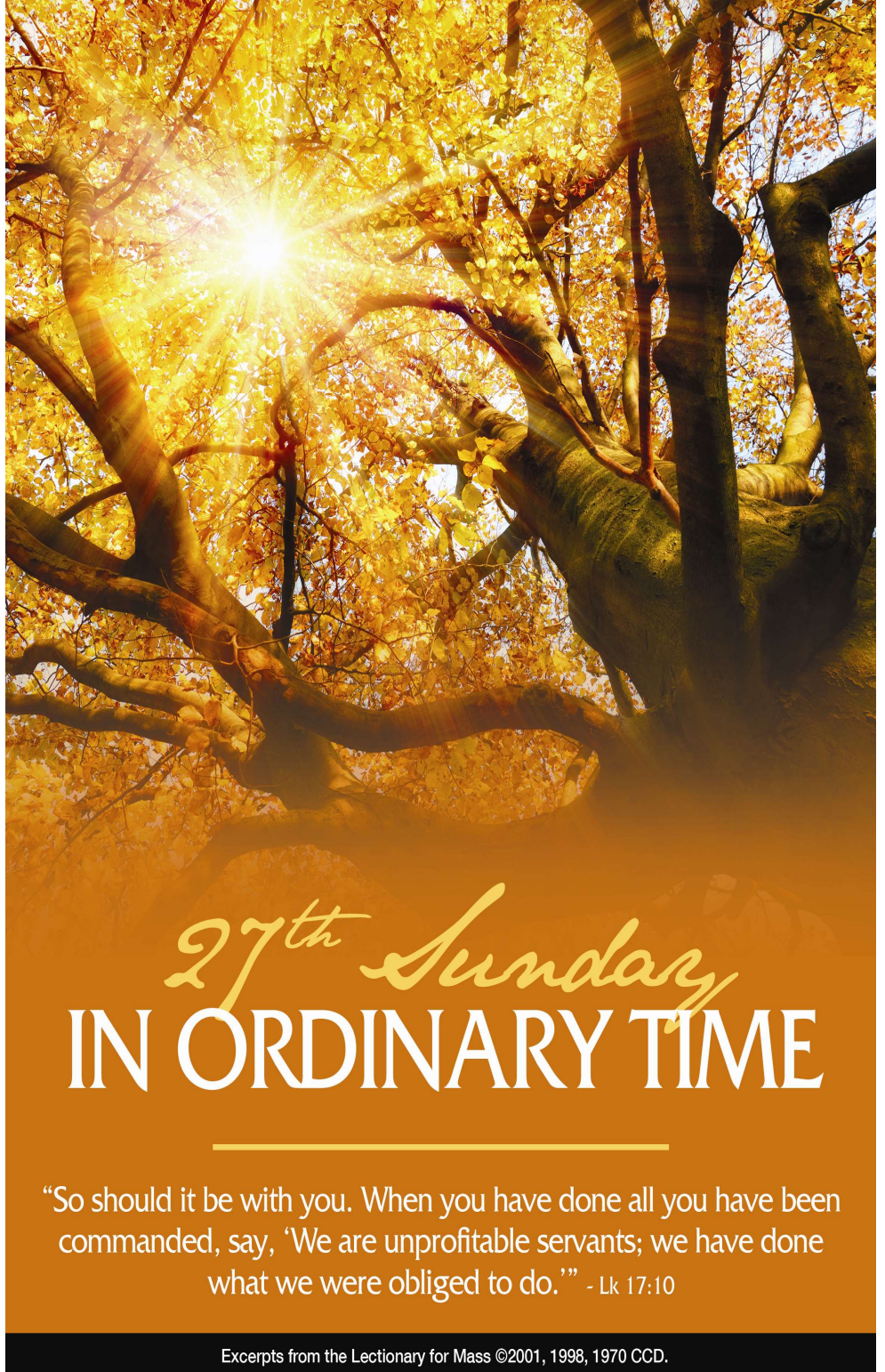
Confessions

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday..... 6:00pm

Friday..... 8:30am



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Mission Statement

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



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NOTES/NEWS

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN UPON THIS ROCK

Kickoff Weekend is nearly here for 'Upon This Rock' Campaign!

Next weekend, Oct. 8-9, is Kickoff Weekend for our parish! The Diocese of Davenport is conducting the Upon This Rock Campaign to raise \$28 million for the health care and retirement needs of our priests, to cover seminarians' education costs and to benefit every parish in the diocese. Our parish is in the current wave of parishes participating in the campaign, and next weekend we'll show the campaign video and tell you more about the campaign. In the meantime, here are a few Frequently Asked Questions. A compilation of all the FAQs is available throughout the campaign at davenportdiocese.org/campaign.

How can we ask for money from people who are hurting financially because of the pandemic or inflation?

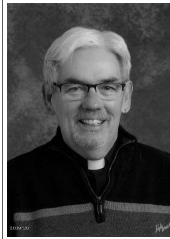
We certainly are sensitive to the struggles parishioners are facing, whether related to the virus, inflation or otherwise. That's why we work with pastors and leaders at parishes to set and review request amounts. The process is not foolproof, though. Pastors do not know every parishioner's situation. But there is never an intention to be insensitive to a parishioner's suffering. Meanwhile, some parishioners are in a position to give now and want to help. The campaign gives them that opportunity and the confidence of knowing how the money will be used. Be assured that only those who are able to give are expected to do so, and ultimately the decision is between the donor and the Lord.

Won't giving now make it harder for a lot of parishioners?

The campaign is founded on stewardship, our belief that we give back in gratitude a portion of what we've been given by God. Stewardship isn't just for the good times in life, when we can give easily; it's for all times, including the difficult. We may adjust how much we give, or to whom we give, but we continue to give – in gratitude for and in proportion to what we've been given. A truly sacrificial gift demonstrates our trust that God will provide what we need, though not necessarily what we want. Stewardship isn't what KEEPS us from getting through the tough parts of life; it's what HELPS us get through them.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary: love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return. ©LPi



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.

Next weekend we will have the kick off for the Upon This Rock.

Happy Birthday to You! We are starting the Birthday Breakfast back up. We will be celebrating October Birthdays on October 11th after Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. The breakfast is potluck. Please bring a small dish to share. It can even be something healthy if you want.

When you use the East door with the automatic opener, please let the door open automatically and let it close on its own. Do not pull it open or shut. Just wave your hand in front of the eye and the door will open for you. It is better for the door if everyone uses it as an automatic door.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thank you for your generous response to the request from Bishop Zinkula to make a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. For those who have not returned their pledge envelope, I am asking, as your pastor, to do so next week. We will meet our goal quickly when you respond sooner rather than later!

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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT NOTE

If you did not make it to the meeting for First Communion last Sunday, please call Lori Fritz in the Parish Office at 653-4504 ext. 4.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The **First Session** of Sacramental Preparation "God Chooses Me" will be held **Wednesday, October 5th from 6pm-7:30pm**. **Meet in Tobin Hall.**

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.

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.

SEPTEMBER 2022	Weekly Budget	Week : 9/11/22	Difference
Church Envelopes	\$5,302.00	\$3,641.00	-\$1,661.00
School Envelopes	\$2,596.00	\$2,378.00	-\$218.00
Offertory	\$346.00	\$241.00	-\$105.00
Building & Main	\$356.00	\$501.00	\$145.00
Other/Holiday		\$2.00	\$2.00
Budget Weekly	\$8,600.00	\$6,763.00	-\$1,837.00
	YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS		-\$5,859.00

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2022

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
Monday: Gal 1:6-12, Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c, Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24, Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15, Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5, Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14, Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29, Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 2 Tm 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19

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.

STO

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 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!

	Saturday, Oct. 8th 5:30 pm	Sunday, Oct. 9th 9:00 am
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Dennis Franzen Linda Franzen Margaret Marie Brian Pierson Marty Young	Meghan Hamilton Christal Quigley Heidi Vittetoe Stephen Wolfer
Gift Family	Dennis Greiner	James Nebel
Altar Server		Grant Berdo Jake Berdo
Lector	Nicole Stoutner	Don Sobaski
Music	Dave Miller & Kirk Hittner	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

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: *You're not as strong as you think you are.*

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

FIND FREEDOM IN OBEDIENCE

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, October 3

Tuesday, October 4

MASS-Florence Schumacher 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, October 5

MASS-Gary McClure 8:25 am (CH)
Sacramental Prep 6:00 pm (TH)

Thursday, October 6

MASS-Joseph Triplett 8:00 am (CH)
Rosary 8:30 am (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, October 7

MASS-Ian Stakland 8:00 am (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)
Prayer Group 7:00 pm (CH)

Saturday, October 8

Confessions 4:30 pm (CH)
MASS-Alvin & Jeanette Vittetoe 5:30 pm (CH)

Sunday, October 9

MASS-Mary Bump & James Meoller 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

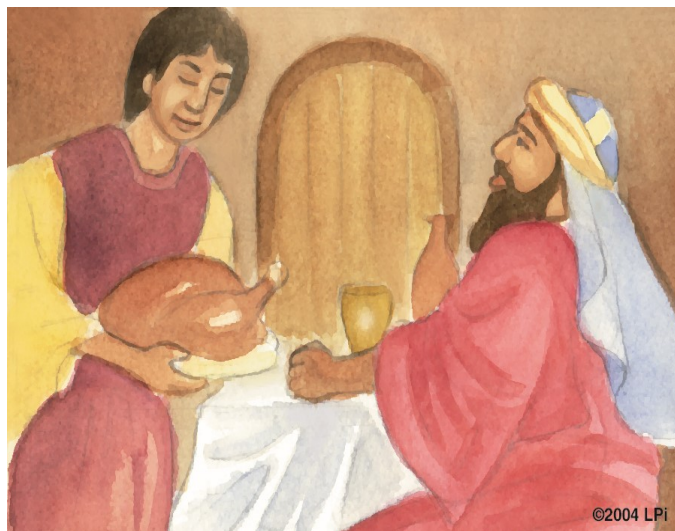
To rent KC Hall, go to the website washingtonkchall.com

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, "There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all." St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom. ©LPI



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.