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 St. James the Less | St. John the Baptist

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
 St. James in St Paul
 Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov
 St. John in Houghton
 Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 St Mary in West Point

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
 St Boniface in Farmington

3 Ways Catholics Can Care For the Earth

1. Get educated on how the Church expects us to care for creation. How? Start by reading the Laudato Si' encyclical by Pope Francis.
2. Commit to creating less "convenient" waste. For example:
 - Use refillable water bottles or coffee tumblers instead of one-time use items.
 - Try out reusable beeswax wrap to preserve food instead of plastic wrap.
3. Donate some time to a local creation-care organization. Consider volunteering for a:
 - local park/beach cleanup
 - neighborhood recycling event
 - local community garden

Earth Day April 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024



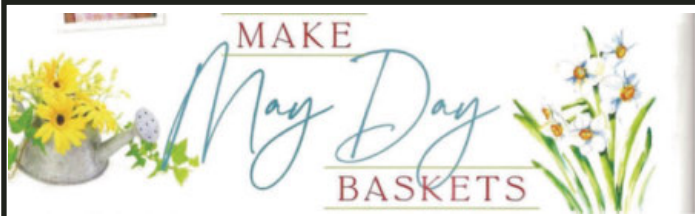
St. James the Less Parish

Leading our community to follow Christ.



St. John the Baptist Parish

A welcoming community coming together for spiritual growth as we continue the mission of Christ.



May Day Basket Making for children of all ages and from any of our four parishes. As the month of April rolls to an end, St James Parish Council will begin gathering flowers and candies and other goodies so all children of all ages can make their own May Baskets to hang on the doors of friends, neighbors and loved ones on May 1st.

Come for an afternoon of fun making a May Basket for someone in your family, neighbor, or grandparent. Supplies will be provided.

To be held on Sunday April 21, 2024, from 2-4pm at St. James Parish Center, St Paul, Iowa.

Please RSVP, the Parish office to let us know you can attend 319-429-2001.



The Spring Fling Sandwich Supper following the 5:00pm Saturday Mass was a success. Thank you to everyone who attended!

On May 18th after 5:00pm Mass, please join us for Fellowship at St. James Hall, if you are able to make cookies please call Susanne Overberg 469-7271.



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Jesus in the Eucharist Video Series. A special shout out to our table leaders, those who brought snacks, Father Dan, and Deacon Mike & Liz Linnenbrink. Stay tuned for future Eucharistic Revival events!





St. Mary Parish

A Eucharistic community sharing God's faith, hope and love. We strive through liturgy, sacraments, ministries, education and outreach to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our world.



Sweet Corn Festival and Fall Festival News

“As One, We Are Strong; as Many, We Are Strongest”

As we begin preparations for two of our most significant events, we humbly request that you keep us in your prayers. May divine guidance lead us in making wise decisions and may our parish family and community come together to ensure the resounding success of these festivities.

Blessings,
Your Sweet Corn Festival & Fall Festival Leadership Teams



St. Boniface Parish

A Eucharistic family working together to live in faith, pray with hope, trust in God's love and welcome all who seek His saving grace.

CONGRATULATIONS!

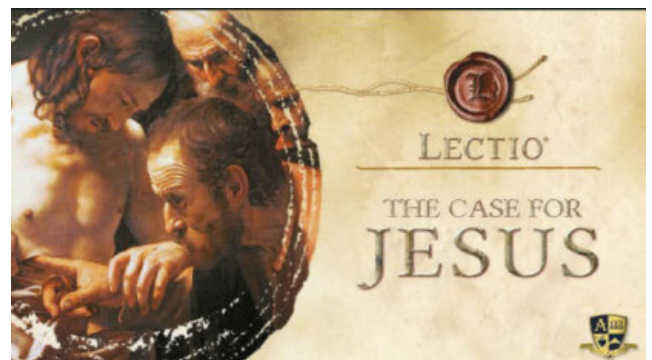


St. Mary's welcomes Amy Fraise into our church family through the sacraments of baptism & confirmation during 8am Mass Sunday, April 14th. May her relationship with the risen Lord continue to strengthen throughout her life.

Oakley Mehmert, son of Justin & Abby Mehmert became a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, April 13th at St. Mary's. We pray that Oakley will live his baptism by continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Study Sessions on **Lectio: The Case for Jesus** by Dr. Brant Pitre will begin on Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm at the parish office in West Point. Please come and join us. Any questions, please call Dixie 319-371-5043

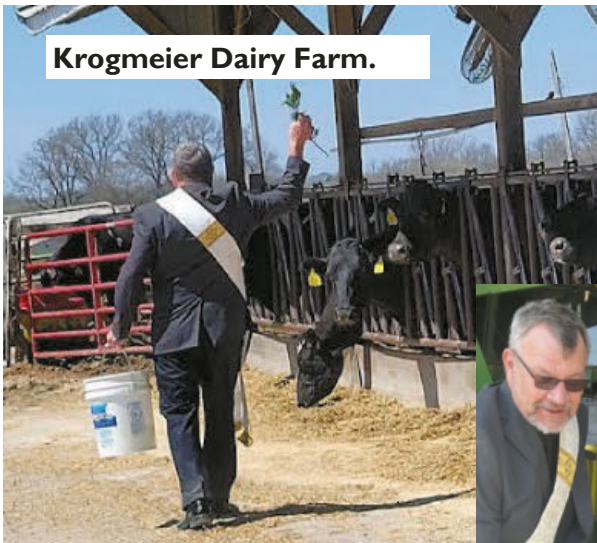




Kieler Tree Farm



Mel Sanders Farm



Krogmeier Dairy Farm.

**Catholic
Cade
2024**



Albert & Mary Menke Farm



Overberg Farm



Box Family Farm

Thank you to Deacon Mike for all the work he did to organize the Catholic Cade for our 4 Parish Family. We know the Holy Water sprinkled on our farms and the prayers to St. Isadore will be a blessing as we begin the spring planting season.



Wellman kids & baby chicks



Lee and Linda Pieper Farm



Marvin & Sue Holtkamp Farm

Happy Birthday to Norma Kaltefleiter who turns 90 on April 22



HAPPY Wedding Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to Ron & Linda Wellman celebrating 61 years on April 21st
Gene & Alvera Merschman celebrating 64 years on April 23rd
John & Tracy Dingman celebrating 25 years on April 24 and
Robert & Mary Booten celebrating 71 years on April 25th



Father Dan will be blessing of all married couples at all three Weekend Masses April 27-28th



Please pray for Mason Overberg, Julie Fraise, Gavin Peitz, Jenna Schwartz, Carter Jones, Abigail Hymes, Emmalyn Snaadt, Korbin Moeller, Sara Boeding, Kathryn DiPrima, Ellie Hellman, Jack Hellman, Megan Holtkamp, Adalyn Kruse, Max Kruse, Kara Lake, Corbin Moeller, Caleb Rea, Brooklyn Todd and Eleanor Shinn. As they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation next weekend at St. Mary of the Assumption in West Point.



1st communion



Please pray for Claire Burgess, Brantlee Hunold, Cole Peterson, Micah Tackett, Maverick Pidgeon, Lochlan Smith, Brynn Henrich, Sadie Bethurem, Sophie Bethurem, Braxton Bohnenkamp, Lou Chiri, Emma Wilkens, Luke Wilson, Jillian Menke, Blaine Mohrfeld, Klay Scheer, Brady Moeller and Abigail Peitz as they prepare for the sacrament of First Communion at our Four Parishes the weekend of May 4th and 5th.

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Psalms 118: 1-29/
John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4/
John 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Psalms 87:1-7/
John 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Psalms 67:2-8/
John 12:44-50
- Thursday: 1 Peter 5:5-14/Psalms 89:2-17/
Mark 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Psalms 2:6--11/
John 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Psalms 98:1, 2-4/
John 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Psalms 22:26-32/
1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8

AREA WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Saturdays

- 4:00 pm Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
- 4:30 p.m. Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. John
- 5:00 p.m. **St. James— St. Paul**
(Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
St John—Houghton
(Feb, Apr, June, Aug, .Oct, Dec)
Divine Mercy, Burl @ Sts Mary & Patrick
- 5:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Family, Montrose @ St. Joseph

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. **St. Mary's - West Point**
Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. Paul
- 8:15 a.m. Divine Mercy, Dodgeville @ St Mary
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
- 9:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus - Mt. Pleasant
- 10:00 a.m. **St Boniface—Farmington**
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Family, FM @ Sacred Heart
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Mercy, Burlington @ St. John

Prayer Chains

- Bonnie Hunold, St. Boniface.....319-470-7067
- Kaye Conrad, St. James319-470-2257
- Florence Thompson, St. John.....319-931-1786
- Bess Walker, St. Mary..... 319-470-6045

COMING SOON



April

- 21 Donut Sunday @ 9AM @ St. Mary's WP
- 22 Earth Day
- 27-28 Blessing of Married Couples at all Masses
- 28 Confirmation @ 2PM @ St. Mary's WP

May

- 3 Houghton KC Fish Fry
- 3 HTC Elementary Carnival
- 4 Respect Life Mass 8:30am followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
- 4 First Communion Practice @ 9AM @ SB, 11AM @ SJa, 1PM @ SM
- 4 First Communion Mass @ 5PM @ St James
- 5 May Crowning & First Communion Mass 8AM @ SM; 10AM @ SB
- 8 Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30pm @ St. James Hall
- 12 Mother's Day-Muffins & Mimosa after 8AM Mass
- 13 Food Pantry Collection Ossenbrink Center SM
- 18 Fellowship after 5pm Mass @ St. James Hall
- 19 Pentecost Sunday
- 19 Holy Trinity Baccalaureate Mass @ Noon @ SM and Graduation @ 2pm
- 19 Central Lee High School Graduation
- 21 Eucharistic Adoration resumes 11am—noon 3 on 3 in WP 11am to 1pm
- 27 Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)



June

- 1 Fort Madison High School Graduation
- 2 Celebrate the Feast of St. Boniface—Hospitality gathering after 10 AM Mass @ SB
- 7 Houghton KC Fish Fry
- 8-9 Food Pantry Collection in the Ossenbrink Center
- 16 Father's Day



23 Tuesday

- 8:30 am St. James Jo Shannon
- 6:00 pm St. Boniface People of the Parish

24 Wednesday

- 8:45 am St. Mary Rita & Richard Harmeyer

25 Thursday

- 8:30 am St. John Jerry Stukerjurgan

27 Saturday

- 5:00 pm St. John Joan Nichting

28 Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Howard & Tina Menke
- 10:00 a.m. St. Boniface Kathleen Spiesz



St. John's - Saturday, April 27th @ 5:00pm

- Ushers: Frank Pieper, Gary Thompson
- Servers: Nick Menke
- Lector: Diane Tone
- Gift bearers: Frank Pieper
- E. Ministers: Gary & Gale Thompson
- Scrip: Sally Denning
- \$ Counters: Linda Baker, Donna Schinstock

St. Mary - Sunday, April 28th @ 8:00 am

- Sacristan: Becky Moran
- Greeters: Volunteer
- Ushers: Matthew & Jill Garmoe
- Servers: Brody & Cooper Boylan
- Lector: Betty Ellison
- Gift Bearers: Mitch & Nancy Hunold
- E. Ministers: Mike Linnenbrink, Becky Moran, JoAnn Lampe
- Streaming: Rebecca Hannum
- Scrip: Mike & Nancy Sanders
- \$ Counters: Mike Salata, Deb Fullenkamp

St. Boniface-Sunday, April 28th @ 10:00 am

- Rosary: Rita Wenke
- Greeters: Dan Smith Family
- Ushers: Craig Witting & Tom Bartholomew
- Server: Owen Burgess
- Lector: Bette Burke
- Gift bearers: Marcia Smith, Jan Tweedy
- E. Ministers: Tom & Kathy Bartholomew, Gloria Breckenridge
- \$ Counters: Rickard Breckenridge & Sam Wenke

STEWARDSHIP

For the Week of April 13th & 14th

St. Boniface

Received: \$960 Budgeted: \$1,173
 Received this year: \$59,621 Budgeted this year: \$49,266

St. James the Less

Received: \$674 Budgeted: \$1,750
 Received this year: \$70343 Budgeted this year: \$73,500

St. John The Baptist

Received: \$1,228 Budgeted: \$1,740
 Received this year: \$60,485 Budgeted this year: \$73,080

St. Mary of the Assumption

Received: \$2,734 Budgeted: \$ 2,115
 Received this year: \$147,058 Budgeted this year: \$88,830

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

First Saturday of the month

9:15am-10:15am at St James during odd # months
 at St John during even # months
 11am—Noon at St. Mary of the Assumption

First Sunday of the month

St. Boniface at 11:00am

Anytime by appointment with Father Dan.

Baptism: We welcome all to become adopted children of God. Please go to the parish website to complete the Baptism Request Form or contact the parish office to set a date and to register for Baptism Class if you have not done this in the past.

Marriage: For preparation, please go to the parish website to complete the Marriage request form or contact the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office if you would like Anointing of the Sick, a home visit and especially when you go into the hospital—often we are not notified.

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