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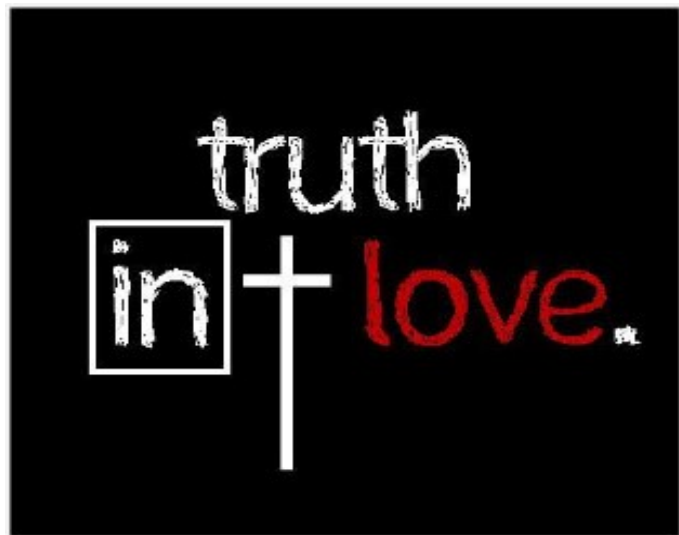
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday approx. 3:30 — 4:15PM
and 1st Fridays/Saturdays after 8 am Mass when possible

PARISH STAFF

Fr. James Altman, pastor
Deacon Jason Hutzler, permanent deacon
Maria Stegmeier, administrative assistant
Michael Abnet, facilities manager
Donna Walz, director of religious education



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Veritas in Caritate

Repairing and Fixing Things

We are in the process of repairing and fixing many things. This includes the ceiling tiles and flooring in the parish hall, as well as the water damage in the restrooms and along the outside walls. We hope to alleviate the smell of dampness down there. Please know that we are doing the best we can to accomplish such things as quickly, efficiently, and cost-effectively as we possibly can. Further, we are trying to do this before the summer ends, though it appears the tiles in the basement are a challenge given that they are asbestos and may require remediation first. We also have an estimate for repairing all the Church's windows which may run approximately \$170,000. The alternative is to let them continue to decay with an ultimate cost far greater than the current estimate. Soon you will see a new roof on the rectory. May I boldly ask that you please keep my "state of mind" in your prayers!! God's blessings, Fr. Altman

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**Ad Orientem:
the Liturgical East**

As the priest leads the people in prayer, he faces the Liturgical East, focusing on Almighty God. In the Catholic Church, this means turning his face toward Jesus in the Tabernacle, and the Altar Crucifix, and, in the case of St. James the Less, toward our patron and martyr.

Watch as I hold up the Chalice of Precious Blood: the rays from Heaven, the Grace from above, flow down into the Chalice in a profound reminder that we were redeemed by the Blood and water that flowed from the side of Jesus.

Standing before you, the Priest and Deacon lead you in prayer. That is why we are the same side of the Holy Altar of Sacrifice.

Experiencing this for the first time on the Solemnity of the Assumption, Deacon remarked that he felt, for the first time, truly connected to the people he was helping lead in worship!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Why are entertainers always being hospitalized for exhaustion, but not police, firemen, miners, construction workers or soldiers?

The Rosary is prayed before Holy Mass
Monday — Friday 7:35 a.m.

Monday, August 21st - St. Pius X

8:00 a.m. - Special Intention of Nick and Kathy Nicks Family

Tuesday, August 22nd - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. - † Clara, Patrick, and Daniel Haag

Wednesday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. - † Norbert Korger

Thursday, August 24th - Saint Bartholomew

8:00 a.m. - † Patrick Randall

Friday, August 25th

8:00 a.m. - † Ray Brisson

Saturday, August 26th

8:00 a.m. - Deceased Priests of La Crosse

3:30 p.m. - Confessions

4:30 p.m. - Vigil † Lawrence and Geneva Karl

Sunday, August 27th - 21st Sunday of the Year

7:30 a.m. - Saint James Parishioners

10:00 a.m. - † Joyce Benesh

Mass intentions available up to one year in advance.

Church Cleaning

August 26 - Ronie Brauer, Carol Guanella, Carrie Ebner

September 2 - Cherie Rifenberg, Joe & Mary Lehn

Family

September 9 - Mary & Tom McConaghy

SERVANTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26th - 4:30 p.m.

Knights of the Altar: Jacob Alford
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Jason Hutzler
Ext. Minister: Anne Arlt
Lector: Jeanne Michuta
Ushers: Joe Schwabenbauer/ Mike McArdle
John Sagen

Sunday, August 27th - 7:30 a.m.

Knights of the Altar: Daniel Puent/Aidan Riley
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Jason Hutzler
Lector: Russ Allen
Ushers: Russ Allen/Bill Rudy

Sunday, August 27th - 10:00 a.m.

Knights of the Altar: Olson boys
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Jason Hutzler
Ext. Minister: Terry Path
Lector: Mike LaVoy
Ushers: Gary Brauer/Don Seufzer/
John Dawidowski/John Koebel

Weekly Readings - August 22 - August 27, 2017

Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Calendar Reminders

August 23	Craft Group meets 9:00 a.m. Murphy Hall
Sept 1	First Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until Benediction at 2:40 p.m.
Sept 3	Donut Sunday, following 10:00 a.m. Mass
Sept 7	St. James Quilters Group, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sept 12	PCCW meeting, 6:30 p.m., Murphy Hall

Church Support

August 13, 2017

Envelopes	\$4,500.14
Plate	433.61
Vigils	92.00
Total	\$5,025.75

PRO LIFE – no apologies – the Faithful *live* and *vote* their Faith.

Declaration on Catholic Education

The Second Vatican Council's *Gravissimum Educationis* (Declaration on Catholic Education) insists that "a true education aims at the formation of the human person in the pursuit of his ultimate end and of the good of the societies of which he as man is a member and in whose obligations as an adult he will share"

The Church refers to the common function of Catholic education, which it shares with all genuine education, and the proper function of Catholic education. The proper function involves evangelization and discipleship training for life and mission. As the "Declaration on Catholic Education" states:

"A Christian education ... has as its principal purpose this goal: that the baptized, while they are gradually introduced to the knowledge of the mystery of salvation, become ever more aware of the gift of faith they have received and that they learn in addition how to worship God the Father ... especially in liturgical action and be conformed in their personal lives according to the new man created in justice and holiness of truth; ... also that they develop ... to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ ... and strive for the growth of the Mystical Body; ... that they are aware of their calling, they learn not only how to bear witness to the hope that is in them ... but also how to help in the Christian formation of the world that takes place when natural powers viewed in the full consideration of man redeemed by Christ contribute to the good of the whole society ..." (2).

Notice the principal purpose of Catholic education is to form disciples — people who know Christ, follow Christ and make him known. Not excellence in education, as important as that is; not equipping students to have successful careers, however valuable that may be. But forming disciples.

Are our schools succeeding in their main goal? Do our students know Jesus, follow him and share him with others? In our zeal for academic excellence, do we obscure or minimize the evangelical purpose of our schools? How many leaders of Catholic schools can honestly say their institutions are principally about forming educated disciples?

The "education part" of Catholic education must keep the "Catholic part" honest when it comes to the formation of the whole person, including the intellectual dimension. This helps Catholic education avoid becoming a glorified Bible study or apologetics program. When that happens, the "Catholic part" of Catholic education suffers, too. Vital dimensions of the student's life are not fully developed in light of the Gospel because they're not developed or adequately developed. The minds and wills God gave young people to exercise and grow are stunted.

But the "Catholic part" of Catholic education must keep the "education part" honest, too. Otherwise, Catholic schools may achieve limited academic excellence or worldly success but at the expense of forming disciples. Ironically, such education is less than full academic excellence, for it has shaped the student without regard for his ultimate end — union with God.

Catholic education must be genuine education - formation of the whole person according to high standards of intellectual, moral and physical excellence. But all of that must be ordered to the formation of genuine disciples of Jesus - people who know him, love him and serve him in mission to the world. That's what makes Catholic education Catholic.

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<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/what-makes-catholic-education-catholic>

Socialism is EVIL — the unchangeable Truth of the Catholic Church

"No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism."

Pope St. John XXIII, Pope from 1958-1963, in his 1961 Encyclical: Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher)