

St. James the Less Catholic Church

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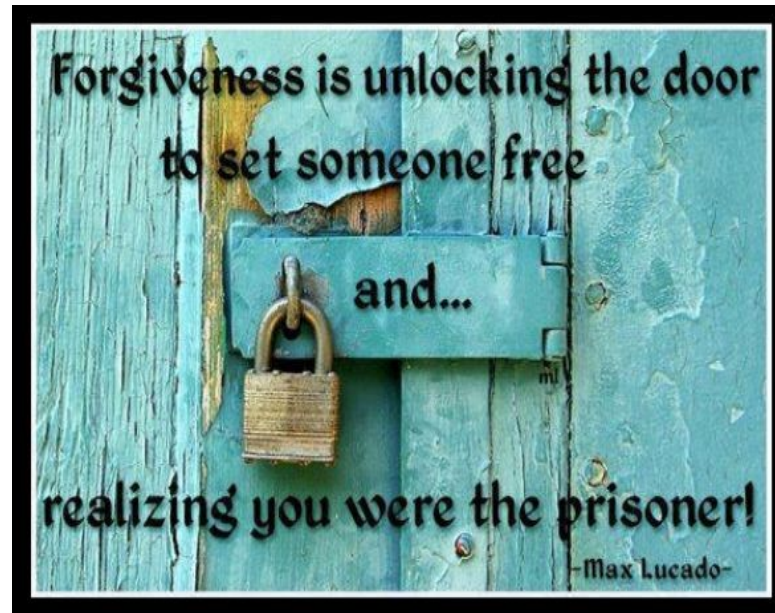
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
 Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 AM

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

Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts, Who pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills, Who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with mercy and compassion . . . Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Ps 103:1-4, 8, 12-13

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"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

C. S. LEWIS

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. Mt 18:21-22"

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

“LIFE BECOMES
EASIER WHEN
YOU LEARN TO
ACCEPT AN
APOLOGY YOU
NEVER GOT.”

Robert Brault

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

Monday, September 18th

8:00 a.m. - † William & Anna Poellinger

Tuesday, September 19th

8:00 a.m. - † Owen Krause

Wednesday, September 20th -

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang,
and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. - † Marie Koehler

Thursday, September 21st

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. - † Joyce Benesh

Friday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. - † Norbert Korger

Saturday, September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

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

3:30 p.m. - Confessions

4:30 p.m. - Vigil † George Schwabenbauer

Sunday, September 24th- 25th Sunday of the Year

7:30 a.m. - Saint James Parishioners

10:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased of the Mosey Family

Mass intentions available up to one year in advance.

Church Cleaning

September 23 - Sue Lassig & Don Venner

September 30 - Molly, Claire, Meg and Mary Riley

October 7 - Diane Sullivan & Deb Colgan

SERVANTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23rd - 4:30 p.m.

Knights of the Altar: Jacob Alford

Ext. Minister: Anne Arlt / Greg Guanella

Lector: Jeanne Michuta

Ushers: Joe Schwabenbauer/Mike McArdle
John Sagen

Sunday, September 24th - 7:30 a.m.

Knights of the Altar: Knights

Lector: Russ Allen

Ushers: Russ Allen/Bill Rudy

Sunday, September 24th - 10:00 a.m.

Knights of the Altar: Olson boys

Ext. Minister: Terry Path

Lector: Sharon Dawidowski

Ushers: Gary Brauer/John Koebel
Don Seufzer/John Dawidowski

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

**We are hoping to have a Fathers/Sons
Saturday adventure soon.**

Weekly Readings - September 18th - September 24th, 2017

Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10 (443)
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17 (444)
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35 (445)
Thursday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13 (643)
Friday	1 Tm 6-2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15 (448)
Sunday	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Calendar Reminders

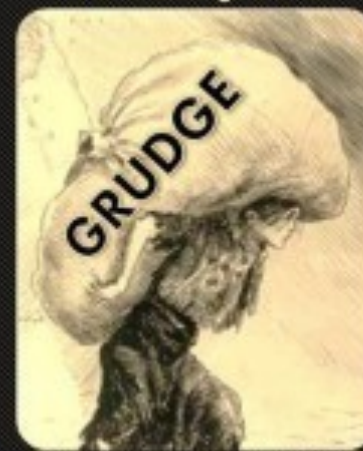
Sept 20	Craft Group meets at 9:00 a.m.-Murphy Hall
Sept 24	Choir rehearsal, 8:45- 9:45 a.m.
Oct 6	Friday Adoration after Mass until Benedic- tion at 2:40 p.m.
Oct 10	Pastoral Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Church Support September 10, 2017

Envelopes	\$5,003.00
Plate	\$369.62
Vigils	\$58.00
Hurricane Relief	\$6,501.80
Total	\$11,932.42

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

The heaviest thing
to carry is a



Forgive to be Forgiven

Last week we pondered the Truth:

**There is no sin you can confess
that would make your Father love you less.
Repent. He will forgive everything. Always.**

This week we ponder the Truth:

**However, there is a proviso, a prerequisite.
We *also* must forgive everything, always.
Apart from Jesus's teaching in this Sunday's Gospel
there is that pertinent part in the Lord's Prayer:
“forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.”**

From a sermon by Blessed Isaac of Stella, abbot Christ will forgive no sin without the Church

The prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin are two things that belong properly to God alone. We must confess our sins to him and look to him for forgiveness. Since only he has the power to forgive sins, it is to him that we must make our confession. But when the Almighty, the Most High, wedded a bride who was weak and of low estate, he made that maid-servant a queen. He took her from her place behind him, at his feet, and enthroned her at his side. She had been born from his side, and therefore he betrothed her to himself. And as all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son because by nature they are one, so also the bridegroom gave all he had to the bride and he shared in all that was hers. He made her one both with himself and with the Father. Praying for his bride, the Son said to the Father: I want them to be one with us, even as you and I are one.

And so the bridegroom is one with the Father and one with the bride. Whatever he found in his bride alien to her own nature he took from her and nailed to his cross when he bore her sins and destroyed them on the tree. He received from her and clothed himself in what was hers by nature and gave her what belonged to him as God. He destroyed what was diabolical, took to himself what was human, and conferred on her what was divine. So all that belonged to the bride was shared in by the bridegroom, and he who had done no wrong and on whose lips was found no deceit could say: Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak. Thus, sharing as he did in the bride's weakness, the bridegroom made his own her cries of distress, and gave his bride all that was his. Therefore, she too has the prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin, which is the reason for the command: Go, show yourself to the priest.

The Church is incapable of forgiving any sin without Christ, and Christ is unwilling to forgive any sin without the Church. The Church cannot forgive the sin of one who has not repented, who has not been touched by Christ; Christ will not forgive the sin of one who despises the Church. What God has joined together, man must not separate. This is a great mystery, but I understand it as referring to Christ and the Church.

Do not destroy the whole Christ by separating head from body, for Christ is not complete without the Church, nor is the Church complete without Christ. The whole and complete Christ is head and body. This is why he said: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the Son of Man whose home is in heaven. He is the only man who can forgive sin.

**“A fallen-away Catholic who says, ‘I no longer believe in the Sacrament of Penance’
really means ‘I am leading an evil life and I refuse to break my habits of sin to make my peace with God.’”
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**