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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



**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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**5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024**



**St. James the Less Parish**

*Leading our community to follow Christ.*

**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.**



**MAY BASKETS!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us to make a May Basket. I am sure you will be brightening the day of whoever receives them. Also thank you to our May basket event coordinator, Anne Menke.



**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
*A welcoming community coming together for spiritual growth as we continue the mission of Christ.*

**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.*

**JOIN US FOR A FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**

The Houghton Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry on Friday, May 3rd from 5-8 pm.



St. Boniface is planning to sell Strawberry Pies again the first weekend of June. Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins.



**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.*



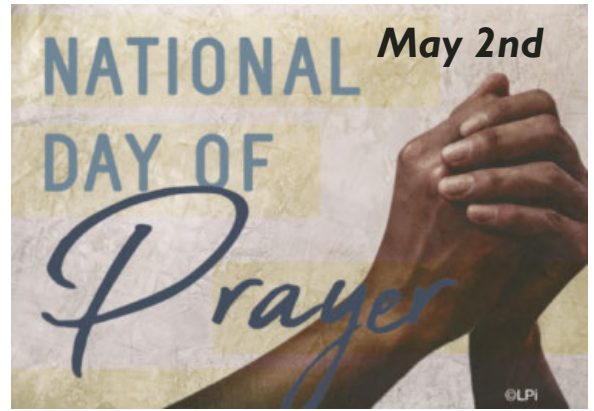
St. Mary's is looking for a couple people who would like to make communion visits to the homebound. If you are already a Eucharistic Minister there is minimal training. If you are not yet a Eucharistic Minister there would be a training session and then a commissioning at Mass before you would begin. Please consider how you might be able to participate in this most vital ministry.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** What is the name of the small container used to transport the Eucharist to those sick and homebound?

**Answer:** Pyx.

**The Monsignor J.A. Wagner Parish Center** is still looking for your support. At this time we have dipped heavily into the investments and savings of our parish to move forward with the construction costs. This Parish Center will provide new offices, Religious Education classroom space as well as meeting space for our parish activities. It will also provide adequate storage for the historical and sacramental records of our parishes. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the construction of this building.



**2024 National Prayer**

Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!** In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

## Canonized Saints



### Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

### Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

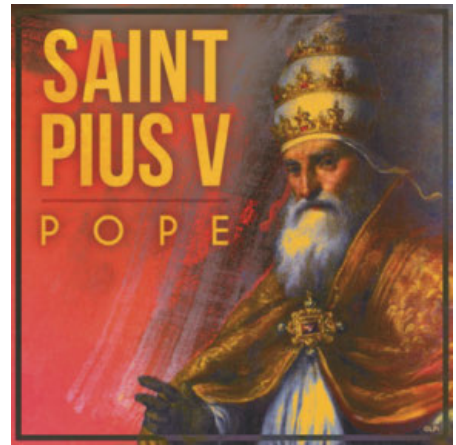
If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

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### Saint Pius V's story

This is the pope whose job it was to implement the historic Council of Trent.

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action. The Council closed in 1563.

Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius's hopes for a Europe united against the Turks. Only at the last minute was he able to organize a fleet which won a decisive victory in the Gulf of Lepanto, off Greece, on October 7, 1571.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.


-Shared from [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day)

## “Why did the Easter egg hide?”




## “Because it was a little chicken!”

**FUN FACT!**




Easter eggs have been a fun part of Easter celebrations for centuries. Eggs are often seen as a symbol of new life. Some people fast from eggs during Lent, so eggs are a special Easter treat!

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# Save The Date

St. Mary’s along with the West Point Presbyterian Church will host the community picnic on Saturday, June 8th in the West Point Square. All are welcome to enjoy food, fellowship, fun and games.



## OUT OF OFFICE

Father Dan will be away on retreat from May 6th through May 12th, Father John Spiegel will substitute for the weekend Masses. Weekday Masses will be cancelled at St. Boniface, St. James and St. John’s. The HTC Elementary Mass will be celebrated by Father Beckman that Wednesday at St. Mary’s.

## Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Psalms 22:26-32/  
I John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Psalms 115:1-16/  
John 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Psalms 145:10-21/  
John 14:27-31
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Psalms 122:1-5/John 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Psalms 96:1-10/  
John 15:9-11
- Friday: I Corinthians 15:1-8/Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5/  
John 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Psalms 100:1-5/  
John 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-48/Psalms 98:1-4/  
I John 4:7-10/John 15:9-17

## 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. James .....319-470-2257
- Florence Thompson, St. John.....319-931-1786
- Bess Walker, St. Mary..... 319-470-6045

# COMING SOON



## 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
- 6-12 Father Dan on retreat
- 12 Mother's Day-Muffins & Mimosa after 8AM Mass
- 13 Food Pantry Collection Ossenbrink Center SM
- 15 Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30pm @ St. James Hall
- 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 Offices 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 Ecumenical Picnic in the West Point City Park
- 8-9 Food Pantry Collection in the Ossenbrink Center
- 16 Father's Day

## July

- 4 Parish Offices Closed for Holiday



### 30 Tuesday

- 8:30 am St. James Dennis & Dorothy Holtkamp
- 6:00 pm St. Boniface Rick Fraise

### 1 Wednesday

- 8:45 am St. Mary Dave Hines

### 2 Thursday

- 8:30 am St. John Tony Nimtze

### 4 Saturday

- 5:00 pm St. James Mark Pieper

### 5 Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Sherry Nicklaus
- 10:00 a.m. St. Boniface Carl Sanders



### **St. James - Saturday, May 4th @ 5:00pm**

- Ushers: Mike Sporkman, Tom Mohrfeld
- Servers: Nick Menke, Kat DiPrima
- Lector: Emily Neeley
- Gift bearers: DiPrima Family
- E. Ministers: Linda Menke, Joan Steffensmeier, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink
- Scrip: Kathy Boeding
- \$ Counters: Kathy Boeding & Donna Schinstock

### **St. Mary - Sunday, May 5th @ 8:00 am**

- Sacristan: Mary Kay Lampe
- Greeters: Nate & Nick Booten
- Ushers: Carl Johnston, Marvin Menke
- Servers: Kara & Ellie Lake
- Lector: Angie Syfert
- Gift Bearers: Dan Steffensmeier Family
- E. Ministers: Maureen Kieler, Mary Overton, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink
- Streaming: Chris Schierbrock
- Scrip: Tad & Angie Boeding
- \$ Counters: Mike Salata, Deb Fullenkamp

### **St. Boniface-Sunday, May 5th @10:00 am**

- Rosary: Mark Meek
- Greeters: Kim Tackett, Kaisie Peterson
- Ushers: Gavin Burgess, Dan Smith
- Server: Owen Burgess, Finn Smith
- Lector: Liz Linnenbrink
- Gift bearers: Claire Burgess, Cole Peterson, Lochlan Smith, Micah Tackett
- E. Ministers: Deacon Mike Linnenbrink, Gavin Burgess, Dave Smith
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# STEWARDSHIP

## For the Week of April 20th & 21st

### St. Boniface

Received: \$6,637.41 Budgeted: \$1,173  
 Received this year: \$66,258 Budgeted this year: \$50,439

### St. James the Less

Received: \$760 Budgeted: \$1,750  
 Received this year: \$71,103 Budgeted this year: \$75,250

### St. John The Baptist

Received: \$1,095 Budgeted: \$1,740  
 Received this year: \$61,579 Budgeted this year: \$74,820

### St. Mary of the Assumption

Received: \$3,340 Budgeted: \$ 2,115  
 Received this year: \$150,398 Budgeted this year: \$90,945

## 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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