

# ST. JAMES

*the Greater Catholic Church*

**May 17, 2020**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Father John N. Hay, Pastor**

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## **St. James Catholic Church Directory**

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### **Mass Schedule**

**Monday - Friday**  
**8:00 am**

**Saturday Vigil**  
**5:00 pm**

**Sunday**  
**8:00 am & 10:30 am**

### **Confessions**

**Monday - Friday**  
**7:30 - 7:50 am**

**Saturday**  
**4:00 - 4:45 pm**

*or by appointment*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, May 18</b>	8:00 am	†Alan McClure by Marilyn Harrison
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	8:00 am	†Jack Reid by Robert & Teresa Reid
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>	8:00 am	For the intentions of St. Joseph
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	8:00 am	Connie Tillett by Bill & Diana Ohman
<b>Friday, May 22</b>	8:00 am	Catherine Shea by Bill Shea
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	5:00 pm	†Mary Newman by Mike Thissen & Bonnie Shank
<b>Sunday, May 24</b>	8:00 am	†Ken McClure by James McClure
	10:30 am	People of St. James

## Sign Before the Gospel

### Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

### Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

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## The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

### Stewardship of Treasure:

Weekly Tithe (May 10)	\$27,082.00
Children's Envelopes	\$50
Monthly Tithe (Mar.)	\$69,463.71
Needed each month	\$76,937.00
Year-to-date (under)	-( \$56,017.70)

**Thank you for your stewardship.**

## Advisory Committees

### Parish Council Chair

Rick Heise 316-644-6905

### Parish School Council Chair

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## 3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



WASH YOUR  
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH  
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE

## Meetings & Events

All activities and events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.



Thank You!

St. Jude Guild #2 and their families to clean Church for May 23/24 weekend.  
Guild Leaders:

Jane Heise @ 775-5878 or  
Donna Gerstenkorn @ 650-5760

*Liturgy Assignments***Saturday, May 23 5:00 pm****Hospitality:** Bob Hirschfeld,  
Alan & Susan Schneider, John McEwen**Sunday, May 24 8:00 am****Hospitality:** Robert Reid, Harry Funke,  
Diana Burress, Jay & Michelle Poore**10:30 am****Hospitality:** Joan & Steve Reichardt,  
Joe Teeter, Dustin Razey**Sixth Sunday of Easter/May 17, 2020 SUNDAY'S READINGS****First Reading:** Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3: 15-18**Gospel:** John 14: 15-21**At this time. . .**

All activities and events are still cancelled or postponed until further notice. We will do our best to announce as activities begin to get scheduled again, but just be patient at this time. THANK YOU.

**Be Aware**

**Please be aware there is texting  
&/or email scam going around.**

*It looks like it is from Father John Hay and says he needs a favor from you, etc. I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, text me back as soon as you get this message. Fr. John N. Hay. IT IS NOT FROM FR. JOHN.*

**PLEASE IGNORE THIS  
MESSAGE AND  
DO NOT RESPOND**



**Mowing  
Church grounds:  
May 21 - 23**

**Thank You!**

Junior Simon  
Brian Martin  
Dan Allen  
Bill Ohman  
Bryan Standfast  
Alan Schneider



We received a check from Dillon's for everyone who has their Dillon's Plus Card connected to St. James Catholic Church. The check was \$566.69 for the first quarter of 2020. This represents 104 households. If you want help in getting your Dillon's Plus Card connected to St. James, call the church office. You can check the bottom of your receipt and it will tell you if you are connected. This is free money for St. James and it doesn't cost you anything. Here are the totals we have received:

First quarter 2019	\$607.99	100 households participated
Second quarter 2019	\$584.69	98 households participated
Third quarter 2019	\$588.30	99 households participated
Fourth quarter 2019	\$567.75	102 households participated
First quarter 2020	\$566.69	104 households participated

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. The stores are on a mission to not just be part of, but to help create a stronger community. Dillon's is committed to carefully protecting the customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, they have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE AND  
ARE LINKED TO ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****Calculating Love**

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I can not now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.

**Amen**