May 2, 2021—5th Sunday of Easter
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

St. James Catholic Church
109 6th Ave. SW
St. Joseph Catholic Church
605 Plymouth St. NE

MISSION STATEMENT
To love and serve God and neighbor by the way we worship, assist those in need, and educate in the faith with fidelity to Sacred Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES
Tues.-Fri. Noon
Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 8:00AM
Sunday 12:30PM
(Spanish)

ST. JOSEPH
Mon.-Fri. 8:45AM
Saturday 4:00PM
Sunday 9:30AM
Sunday 11:00AM

HOLY BAPTISM
Carson Ray Anthony, son of Jesse & Sara Anthony was baptized April 25 and has joined the Catholic Faith through the waters of baptism.
Welcome Carson!

FIRST COMMUNION: will be celebrated with a special Mass again on Sunday, May 2, at 2:00PM. Please pray for the children of the parish celebrating this important milestone in their faith life.


COME TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH!
Mary embraced God’s will, freely choosing to cooperate with His grace and therefore fulfilling a crucial role in the plan of salvation. She is our model of perfect discipleship.
• Through the centuries, and especially in the month of May when we celebrate Mother’s Day, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to draw closer to Christ. You are encouraged to make a visit either alone or with your family to the west side altar (“Mary’s Altar”) to spend some time in prayer and reflection.
• We thank the Larry Ruhland family for donating flowers this first week in memory of Mary Margaret and Dorothy Ruhland. We welcome similar donations for fresh roses each week in Mary’s honor. Please contact the parish office if interested.

THANK YOU from Fr. Bruce to all who remembered his birthday this past week. Your kindness is appreciated.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Thank you to all of my volunteer workers for assisting with Meals on Wheels. Your time and service was greatly appreciated. Joyce Langel

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY
Donna Hoffman of our parish, entered eternal life April 28, 2021.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS
Before Weekend Masses and Wednesdays 5-6PM, St. Joseph Site

Masks: As more and more people get vaccinated, we eagerly await the easing of Diocesan Mass protocols. However, until then masks are to be worn covering both mouth and nose. If unwilling to abide by this, please make use of the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, or attend at a parish where (for whatever reason) masks may be considered optional.
• The size of our parish and the fact that parishioners tell us they come here precisely because they have encountered others attending Mass not masked or pulling it below their nose after being seated.
• Though we regret that our parishioners would need to go elsewhere because of the mask requirement, we are happy that you can find an option, and look forward to the day when we can all worship together here, wearing no masks and not having to worry about social distancing.

MEASURES: To stay safe, please wear a facemask.

Check out our website!!

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Call to Be a Child of God
THEOLOGY ON TAP: The next Theology on Tap is Sunday, May 16 from 6PM to 8PM at Wise-I Brewery. Thai Hua will be speaking on the topic of the book of Revelation. All young adults are invited! This is a great opportunity for college students, and young adults in their 20’s and 30’s to meet other people and hear discussion related to the faith. Contact Fr. Travis or Karmen in the parish office for more information.

St. Joseph Ellendale
23533 K22, Merrill, IA
5th Sunday of Easter

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PARISH INFORMATION:
Mailing Address: 605 Plymouth St. NE
Le Mars, IA 51031
Bulletin Correspondent: Kathy Ream 712-389-5271
Cemetery: Jim Tentinger 712-251-3007
Ross Tentinger 712-898-0516
Director Religious Ed: MJ Tapper 712-568-2754
Hall Rent: Kathy Ream 712-389-5271
Prayer Chain: Marlene Pridie 712-568-2198
Barb Foley 712-539-2243

Masks
Please see front page of bulletin.

APRIL 25, 2021 INCOME

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CHRISTIAN NEEDS CENTER—MAY 2021

- Jelly
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Laundry Soap (small size)
- Cleaning Products
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ATTENTION CLASS OF 2021: Families of the year’s seniors recently received a letter regarding a Mass in their honor at our parish on May 16 at 9:30AM Mass. If your child would like to participate and be recognized, please contact the parish office.

TEAM CONNECT: On Sunday, May 16, Team Connect will be serving donuts and coffee after 8:00AM Mass at St. James and after 9:30AM Mass at St. Joseph. Please join us for a time to socialize and grow our parish community.

THEN FEED JUST ONE: Thank you to those who have donated. We are still taking donations for the May 4 & 6 pack event. Contact Richard Seivert at 712-540-3062, rseivert2@yahoo.com or Carolyn Bickford 712-540-4855, cbickford@gehlencatholic.org to donate or adopt-a-student for only $30. Checks can be made out to Gehlen. Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

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Retired/Infirm Priests 30.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE
May 9th—8:30AM
Reader: Carla Robinson
Servers: Daniel B., Mikaela Clark
EMHC: Kathy Ream
Offertory: Kathy Ream, Steve Ritz

FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Congratulations to Andrew Beierschmitt and Noah Johnson, who received their First Communion on Sunday, April 25. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.