



St James Weekly — week of February 21, 2021

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Weekly Schedule

UPDATED! Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45AM

Starting 2/21 we're reading and discussing the book of 1 Corinthians. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed. We'll read and discuss one chapter each week, with the following questions in mind: 1) What stands out to you in the passage we are studying?; 2) What do you have a question about or want to know more about?; 3) What can you apply from the passage to your daily faith journey?; and 4) If you were to talk to a friend about this passage what would you talk about? Amma Diane recommends the following video overview to start: <https://youtu.be/yiHf8klCCc4>

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By compute or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

UPDATED! Worship—Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or view at any time after:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

2/21: First Sunday in Lent
2/28: Second Sunday in Lent *
3/7: Third Sunday in Lent
3/14: Fourth Sunday in Lent *

**indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor*

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

If you experience trouble with your internet connection for our weekday services or bible study, try turning off your camera and just using audio to see if that helps.

NEW! Would you like DVDs of our Worship services?

We will soon begin producing DVDs of our Sunday and Holy Day Worship services. If you would like to receive DVDs so that you can watch services that way, please leave a message for Amma Diane (920-860-5152) and we'll gladly add you to the list. If you need a DVD player, let Amma Diane know that, as well, and we can provide one of those for you.

St James Book Group 2/24 at 7PM

The St James Book Group will continue to meet virtually for the time being due to the continued pandemic and our desire to keep people as protected as possible. St James leadership will regularly review the ability to gather in-person again in conjunction with our Bishop and input from those who attend the Book Group gathering. We plan to continue to offer the Book Group virtually for those who wish to attend in that manner even after we can gather once again in person. Our virtual gatherings may be joined by either telephone or the internet (you may choose to use video or not on the internet connection).

The book we are reading in February is Wait Till Next Year, Doris Kearns Goodwin's touching memoir of growing up in love with her family and baseball. Set in the suburbs of New York in the 1950s, Wait Till Next Year re-creates the postwar era, when the corner store was a place to share stories and neighborhoods were equally divided between Dodger, Giant, and Yankee fans. We meet the people who most influenced Goodwin's early life: her mother, who taught her the joy of books but whose debilitating illness left her housebound; and her father, who taught her the joy of baseball and to root for the Dodgers of Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider, and Gil Hodges. Most important, Goodwin describes with eloquence how the Dodgers' leaving Brooklyn in 1957, and the death of her mother soon after, marked both the end of an era and, for her, the end of childhood.

If you would like to borrow a book from the inter-library loan, please contact Anne Schuette (920-242-2819). Anne will continue to be our liaison for the Interlibrary books. Please feel free to participate even if you have not read the book. Invite a friend. If you have technical difficulties Amma Diane Murray (920-860-5152) will try to help you.

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By compute or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

Vestry Notes updated 2/19

- ◆ **NEW!** Deliveries were made to homes of our congregation between 2/11—2/16. We had a delivery mix-up resulting in some homes receiving multiple deliveries and some not receiving any, and we apologize for that. **We believe we've tracked down most of the errors, but if you didn't receive one of these deliveries, please contact Junior Warden Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (334-546-4282) or Amma Diane (920-860-5152).** These deliveries contain a letter from the Vestry, Annual Reports, updated directories, and more.
- ◆ Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife, Leslie, are on a six-week sabbatical starting 2/15. We pray this is a time of refreshment and renewal for both of their ministries. Bishop Matt recently began serving as Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of Eau Claire and Visiting Bishop for the Diocese of Milwaukee.

NEW! Vestry Back-to-Building update

The Vestry continues to pray for and plan for our eventual return to safer in-person gathering. We're grateful to hear some of you (and some of us) have started to receive vaccines. We encourage everybody to get vaccinated when available, and to continue to mask and practice social distancing—working together as the Body of Christ to help reduce the spread more and more.

COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue the downward decline of the past month, but still remain higher than the second peak we had over the summer. New variants in our state are posing additional risks, so we must all remain vigilant and care for each other.

The Vestry regularly reviews guidance from our Diocese and the Wisconsin Council of Churches as well as data from local and state health officials.

As we look toward gathering we are looking at several benchmarks, including:

- much lower local case burden
- higher local vaccination rate
- Amma Diane completing a vaccination regimen
- the ability to follow best practice guidelines when we're in our building

Limitations in our building design mean we are unable to follow several safety guidelines (such as proper air exchange and flow of people) until we have nicer weather. Realistically, we're looking at a time when all the snow is gone and it's warm enough to have windows and doors open when we're in the building. This potentially means gathering again starting in later Spring (with everything open and coats on, if needed).

We're grateful for your participation and support in this unique and challenging period in the life of our church and community. We miss you and we love you, our sisters and brothers! Blessings to you this Lent.

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Liese, Walter, Chris, Mary, Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Grace, Shelley, Silas, family of Scott Henderson, John, Mary, Sandy.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Lishane, Mary, Kevin, Cherity, Sara, Ethan.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee, Adam.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Agnes, Algoma and Holy Cross Missions District, Masvingo. For Bishop Matt and his wife Leslie, may their sabbatical offer renewal and rest. We pray for the Diocese of Eau Claire and Milwaukee. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Transitional Deacon Jerry Molitor and his wife Linda. Bishop Matthew Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Right Reverend Godfrey and his wife Albertina. The people working to repair our St James church building. Healing for Lizzie.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Allen, Deena, Scott Henderson.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/10 Rick Roubal; 2/14 Annalisa Valli; 2/20 Mark Hunner; 2/21 Marian Flint; 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 Kim Kaufmann; 2/28 Levi Short; 3/5 Liese Carbon; 3/6 Ruby Gunderson; 3/6 Zai'Vieon Vice Oropeza; 3/7 Cindy Hronek; 3/15 Ellen Feller.

Anniversaries: 2/14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris.

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).