

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: The Healing Ministry of Jesus

source: <http://rc1blectionary.com>

Today's first reading from the Old Testament gives us a glimpse of the suffering of a faithful person. Job is being put to the test. Will he remain faithful to God even when life becomes difficult and painful? Job's suffering helps us to see that innocent human suffering cannot be easily explained. Job calls out to God and his cries are a sign of his faithfulness. God is with Job through his suffering.

In today's gospel we find Jesus healing the sick and casting out demons. Jesus takes Simon's sick mother-in-law by the hand and makes her well. Many people come to Jesus and he restores goodness and health to those in need. Today's passage shows Jesus taking time to pray in order to deal with the pressures of his public ministry. Jesus' healing love shows that good is more powerful than evil. The presence of Jesus reveals the saving love of God to the world.

How can you bring God's healing and love to someone who is suffering this week?

Invitation to join Aquinas Communications (radiodubuque) for joint rosary on Sat., Feb 3rd at 11am at St. Mary, Guttenberg. Rosary Intention: Devotion to the Holy Family



BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:

Sun., Feb. 4, 2024 at St. Mary, Guttenberg during Mass

Joseph Dean Scherbring

son of Adam & Malorie (Klosterman) Scherbring

May you grow in age, knowledge & wisdom in the Lord!

KC Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, February 11, 8-11:30am



St. Mary Church
Drive-thru and Dine In
Free will donation.

Roof Replacement Projects

The roofs on the church and the old school will be replaced in 2024. Donations are being accepted. Please make checks out to St. Mary Parish and indicate Roof Project in the memo.

Asking all **new and current Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** to attend an informational meeting on Feb 20, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We will review the protocol, procedures and scheduling for these important ministries. A great book pertaining to your ministry will be handed out. Light refreshments will be served. Hope you give this consideration to join us! Questions call Sue Bahls 563.252.3253 or Lois Bries 563.252.3026.

Mass Schedule: Feb 5 – Feb 11, 2024

Mon., Feb 5: [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Agatha"

Tues., Feb 6: [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Paul Miki & companions"

Wed., Feb 7: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

Lester & Marie Gorton

Thur., Feb 8: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center –

Elmer Oberbroeckling & Amy (Steffen) Clay

Fri., Feb 9: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Feb 10: Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

People of the Parish

5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

Trudy Vogt (Month Mind)

Sun., Feb 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*

Floyd, Gary & Nicholas Westhoff

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

source: Larry Gillick, S.J. , Creighton University

God's man Job cries out in great misery in today's First Reading. If you are having a good day today, you might smile at hearing his lament and say to yourself, "I've been there." If you are having a not-so-good day, when you hear his dejection you might mumble to yourself, "I'm there Pal, but they'll never write a book with my name for a title, like you got, so get over it!"

Job is like a boat that has lost its sail, compass, rudder and keel. He is adrift in self-dejection and pity. He has lost everything and so has lost himself in himself. Everything has been taken away and so he has nothing to give. This man's search for meaning has landed him on the "pity-pot" of life and it seems this is where the journey ends.

In today's Second Reading Paul finds meaning in being a person who has within him a fire to preach the gospel. Paul's sail is his own spirit, his keel is his faith and his rudder the desire to help save whom he can. Paul finds his meaning in being part of God's being made known through his, Paul's preaching. Paul has been given much and is desperate to share it.

We watch Jesus going about doing something good. He is the "good News" and His meaning is within Him which cannot be taken away. We see Him cure a friend and then go off to pray. This praying is the experience to which we are invited ourselves, before going off to do something good with Him. "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also."

Job has lost his meaning by losing all his worldly goods and family. Many of us have had similar losses, but have maintained faith and meaning. Jesus offers us His experience of prayerfully receiving Himself and thereby moved to move on to other towns. Is meaning achieved or received? If it is achieved then it can be taken or lost. Paul renounced all his achievements so as to live in the power of the resurrection. Jesus was freed to be on the move, because of His firm sense of Who He was and what was His meaning.

Our meaning is based in our being in Christ's goodness. If you have a good secret, or joke, you just can't wait to share it. The good wants to be distributed. Job lost his sense of being good by losing his goods. We are, each one of us, good, and that cannot be taken, but only shared. We can easily forget our goodness and that after all, is why we pray. Jesus went off to pray before going off. We will follow Him in sharing His goodness to the degree we are reminded in our prayer, just who we are. Prayer then is the experience of being found and then sent rather than being lost and meaningless.

A Stewardship Moment

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Feb 6: CDA, Noon in Monona
KC Meeting, 7:30pm
Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC
- Feb 7: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation Classes, 6pm
- Feb 8: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Feb 13: Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
Faith Formation; 6:30 Service; soup supper after
- Feb 15: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Feb 20: Readers & Euch. Ministers , 6:30pm, PC
- Feb 21: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation Classes, 6pm
Archbishop Zinkula, 7-8pm
- Feb 26: Friends of St. Mary, 6:30pm, Convent

Please email items for the bulletin by 7:30am Wednesday morning to OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com

ARCHBISHOP ZINKULA VISIT!

Archbishop Zinkula will be visiting and speaking with 7th-12th grade Faith Formation students from 7PM-8PM on Wednesday, February 21st, at St. Mary Church, Guttenberg. The public is welcome to attend!

"DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT" booklets will be available in the entry ways of church starting the weekend of January 27 & 28.

"STATIONS OF THE CROSS" will start on February 17 & 18 at 5:10pm on Saturdays and 9:40am on Sundays, throughout the Lenten season in place of the Rosary. For your participation, booklets are available at church entrances.

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