

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY: Community and Testimony

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After the healing, Jesus instructs the man to show himself to the priests and offer the sacrifices required by Mosaic Law, highlighting the importance of community and testimony in the process of healing. This directive serves a dual purpose: it adheres to the law, thus legitimizing the healing in the eyes of the community, and it provides a powerful testimony of God's mercy and power.

This aspect of the narrative in the Gospel encourages us to not only seek personal healing and transformation but also to share our stories of faith and redemption with others. Our testimonies can be powerful catalysts for change and sources of hope for those who are struggling, reinforcing the communal aspect of our faith journey.

In reflecting on this passage from Mark's Gospel, we are called to embody the compassion, faith, and communal spirit demonstrated by Jesus. By extending love and mercy to those on the fringes, nurturing our faith amidst life's trials, and courageously sharing our stories of God's grace, we participate in the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation in our world. Let us strive to follow Jesus' example, becoming beacons of hope and channels of God's transformative love in our communities.

## Baptism Into the Family of God and our Faith Communities



Sun., Feb. 18, 2024 at St. Mary, Guttenberg, 2:30pm

### Harper Margaret Hoefler

daughter of Anthony & Tierney (Schneider) Hoefler

(Delegated to baptize - Rev. Austin Wilker)

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

## Mass Schedule: Feb 12 – Feb 18, 2024

**Mon., Feb 12:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Feb 13:** Eve of Ash Wednesday  
7:00 P.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

**Wed., Feb 14:** ASH WEDNESDAY, *Day of Fast and Abstinence*  
5:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

*Glenn Berns & L'Dean Berns*

6:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Youth Mass

*Bill & Kay Vogt/Trudy Vogt*

**Thur., Feb 15:** 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center –  
*Leon Berns & Pete Davis*

**Fri., Feb 16:** [No Mass Scheduled], *Day of Abstinence*

**[Due to covid outbreaks, General Absolution will be given this coming weekend during penitential rite]**


**Sat., Feb 17:** Vigil of First Sunday of Lent  
St. Joseph, Garnavillo:  
3:40 P.M. – Way of the Cross  
4:00 P.M. – Mass *Gerald Hoeger & Amy Hoeger*

St. Mary, Guttenberg:  
5:10 P.M. – Way of the Cross  
5:30 P.M. – Mass *Albert 'Chips' & Marie Bieber*

**Sun., Feb 18:** First Sunday of Lent  
Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista:  
8:00 A.M. – Way of the Cross  
8:30 A.M. – Mass *People of the Parish*  
St. Mary, Guttenberg:  
9:40 A.M. Way of the Cross  
10:00 A.M. – Mass, *live streamed*  
*Dec'd of McDonnell & Bries Family*

## KC Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday, February 11, 8-11:30am**

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

## REGULATIONS FOR LENT

1.) **Fasting** means eating only one full meal on the fast day. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days when we are obliged to fast. Two other light meals are permitted, but eating between meals is not. Obligatory from age 18 until age 59 unless sick or pregnant.

2.) **Abstinence** means we do **not** eat **meat**. Ash Wednesday & all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The obligation to abstain begins the day after your fourteenth birthday.

All **new and current Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to attend a meeting on Feb 20, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We will review the protocol, procedures & scheduling for these ministries. Light refreshments will be served. Questions call Sue Bahls 563.252.3253 or Lois Bries 563.252.3026.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: Listen to him.**

source: Scott McClure, Creighton University

I have often wondered, likely as have many others, what it must have been like to listen to Jesus. I wonder about his voice, his mannerisms, and his tone. I wonder what it would have felt like to be in a crowd and for his eyes to rest on me, even for a moment. What if he were speaking only to me, one-on-one? For reasons like this I envy those who had the chance to walk with him and hear him. Today's readings, at first, seem to be about speaking; more specifically, humanity's misuse of speech. We have a knack for taking extraordinary gifts and misusing them, don't we? As James tells us, *this need not be so*.

As it turns out, today's readings are not about speaking at all. At least, not about our speaking. After seeing Jesus transfigured, Peter speaks although *He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified*. Then comes the Father's voice from the clouds: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.* Listen to him.

Unlike Peter, James and John we did not see Jesus transfigured. Unlike Jesus' contemporaries, we have not heard his voice with our own ears. Is it a taller order for us to carry out the Father's command here and now than it was for Peter, James and John who saw and heard these things? I don't know. But I'm inclined to keep trying.

**????? Wondering What Scripture Study is all about ?????**

On Feb 18, after the social gathering of coffee and donuts, St.Mary's Parish Life will present the current Scripture Study program that we have been utilizing for the last 4-5 years. The study is not so much **STUDY**, as it is listening to a presentation by Jeff Cavins, a theologian and Pastor. Jeff provides a tremendous explanation of Holy Scriptures. For those who wonder what Scripture Study really involves, this is your opportunity to view it first hand. Each presentation is about 1 hour long.

**REQUESTING FAMILY PARTICIPATION.....**

Asking for families willing to participate in the "Way of the Cross" procession to carry the Cross & 2 lit candelabras on **March 02, 09 or 10**. Please call Jerry Balk at 563-580-4539 for information if your family is interested. A reader in the Sanctuary will be provided.

**St. Mary Alumni meeting** Tuesday, Feb 20, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome in support of our parish event. Come share your opinions, thoughts and ideas as we continue to celebrate our exceptional St. Mary heritage.

**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!

**"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.

**CEW Retreat:** Has your faith grown cold this winter? Light a fire in your faith by joining us for a Christian **Experience** Weekend! The CEW retreat will be held **March 1 - 3, 2024**, in Scotch Grove, IA at The Bean Farm. This is a renewal weekend for adults (both men and women), and is designed to enable them to more deeply experience themselves, their relationship to God and the Christian Community. Registration is \$55 and includes all meals/snacks and lodging. For info call : Carol Husmann: (319) 480-3226 or to register go to: <http://www.thebeanfarmofscotch.grove.org/>

**Fish Fries at St. Joseph Parish, Garnavillo**

February 23, March 1 and March 8; 5-8pm;  
Adults \$15; Kids 5-12 \$10; under 5 free  
Raffle Drawing; Carryouts Available

**A Stewardship Moment**

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

**Upcoming Parish Events . . .**

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Feb 8: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Feb 11: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am
- 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 18: Coffee & Donuts after Mass, BH  
**Video Presentation of Matthew Scripture Study**
- Feb 20: Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC  
Readers & Euch. Ministers, 6:30pm, PC  
St. Mary Alumni Mtg, 6:30pm, PC
- Feb 21: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC  
Faith Formation Classes, 6pm  
Archbishop Zinkula, 7-8pm
- Feb 22: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Feb 26: Friends of St. Mary, 6:30pm, Convent
- Mar 17: Movie presentation....**Family Camp**, BH

Please email items for the bulletin by 7:30am  
Wednesday morning to [OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com](mailto:OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com)

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