

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: The Radical Love of God

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In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that God showed His love for us by sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins while we were still sinners. This is a radical love that surpasses all understanding, a love that we can never fully comprehend.

As Catholics, we are called to respond to God's love by embracing the gift of salvation that He offers us through Jesus Christ. This gift is freely given, not because we deserve it or have earned it, but because of God's infinite mercy and grace. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are reconciled with God and receive the gift of eternal life.

As we reflect on this passage, we are called to remember the incredible sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. His death on the cross was an act of love that has the power to transform our lives and make us new creations in Him.

This gift of salvation is something that we can never take for granted, but must continually seek to deepen and embrace more fully in our lives.

The Parish Life Committee extends **our thanks** to the following in helping with the planning, working and covering the cost for Father Bries' Jubilee on June 4th.

- The talented musicians at mass - John Crow, organist and the St. Mary Choir, Gail Broxson and Children's choir. Michele and Steve Dikkers playing western music for the dinning room guest. The Love Handles and Chris Ross for entertaining on the hay wagon outside.
- To Jerry Koopman for bringing the hay wagon for the bands, and Gwen Bries for the extra western props! Allen Franzen for the tent and the extra men who helped set it up on Saturday. To Marv & Joe Althoff help in moving the picnic tables and benches to the tent.
- To Immaculate Conception leader, Mary Breitbach's help getting the Ice Cream Maker for all to enjoy, extra desserts, donating the dinner plates and serving that day. To Carolyn Koopman, and St. Joe's ladies wonderful help making the salads and the cheezy potatoes. And thanks also to those who helped serve and did dishes so Father's guest could enjoy the day.
- To Steph Goedken and family for letting everyone experience the animals in the petting zoo. Also thanks to Meuser Lumber Co. for the use of the gates. To Deacon Jim Pfaffly and Katey Simon for organizing kids games & bouncy houses.
- To Jane Augustyn's help in making the calico beans.
- To the donating organizations: Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Joseph Parish, and the Catholic Daughters.

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



Sunday, June 18 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Oakley John Anderegg

son of David J. & Keisha (Harbaugh) Anderegg

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

Mass Schedule: June 19 – June 25, 2023

Mon., Jun 19: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jun 20: [No Mass due to Garnavillo Church Roofing Project]

Wed., Jun 21: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jim & Lou Kuempel/Tom Kuempel

Thur., Jun 22: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Amy [Steffen] Clay

Fri., Jun 23: [No Mass Scheduled],

Sat., Jun 24: Vigil of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Leon Berns & Angie Berns
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Josephine & Bernard Meyer

Sun., Jun 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass. *Live Streamed*
Janice Ulbrich

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sent by the Power of God

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At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

This passage from today’s Gospel begins by revealing to us the Heart of Jesus. His Heart is one that is “moved with pity.” As Jesus looked at the crowds before Him, He could see that they were “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” The sight of them evoked compassion, concern and mercy from within Him. This is a beautiful image to prayerfully ponder.

As Jesus looks at you, He gazes at you as He gazed at the crowds long ago. As He does, the same depths of mercy and compassion are evoked within His Sacred Heart. Sometimes, when we think of God, we allow ourselves to have inaccurate perceptions of Who He is and how He sees us. If you do not regularly see the compassionate Heart of Jesus, then ponder this passage and know that His Heart of love for you is the same as it was for the crowds.

The second part of the passage above reveals to us one of the ways that Jesus reaches out to us. He is the “master of the harvest” Who has called others to Himself and then sent them forth to minister in His name and with His authority. The lines that follow the Gospel quoted above tell us that Jesus immediately “summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.”

As you look at your own life, your struggles, your spiritual needs and your desire to grow in faith, how has God fed you? Through whom has He spoken to you? This shepherding will take place by your participation in the Mass, through the Sacrament of Confession, through holy preaching, through the written word, through the inspired witness of another, and in many other ways. What’s helpful to ponder is that any time you have encountered the grace of God through another, it happened because the Master of the Harvest chose to send a laborer to you. When good fruit is borne in your life, it was God Who initiated that good work through another, out of the mercy and compassion of His Sacred Heart.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus gazing at you with love and choosing to send His ministers to you in His name and with His authority. Pay special attention to how God has been speaking to you recently. If it is through a particular book, keep reading it. If it is through a certain preacher of the Gospel, keep listening. If it is through a certain conversation with a friend, spouse or loved one, keep talking. God loves you, has a Heart full of compassion for you, and will continue to reach out to you in many different ways, especially by sending others to you in His name.

The newly founded “**Friends of St Mary’s of Guttenberg**” would like to invite you to an informational meeting about our organization. We will introduce our board members, explain our mission statement “To preserve our parish heritage and provide a foundation for our future Christian community” and begin the work of achieving our goals. We encourage anyone who is interested to join us on Monday 6/19/23 at 6:30 pm on the first floor of the new school building(Parish Center). If you have questions please contact Beth Sadewasser at 563-880-2743 or Jane Parker at 563-880-5469.

A Blessing for Father's Day

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who stopped by the open houses at the new Parish Center last weekend. Those attending toured the building and shared memories and stories from past experiences at St. Mary School. Many attendees provided new ideas for utilizing the spaces. To see those ideas put into action, please consider becoming a member of the St. Mary Parish Center Committee. Contact Julie Rastetter at 563.880.4111 or Lora Kolker at 563.880.9111. Other committee members are Jessie Westhoff Young, Malorie Scherbring, Gail Broxson, Nancy Schroeder, Becky Shaffer & Sue Bahls as the Parish Council representative.

Upcoming Parish Events

- June 19: Friends of St. Mary informational meeting, 6:30pm in the Parish Center
- June 24: Women’s Faith Sharing, 1pm @ Sodes
- Jul 11: CDA meeting at Noon in Monona

Thank you to Al Schlueter for making the stand for the St. Jude statue.

A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge He makes to us: **“The gift you have received, give as a gift.”**

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