

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Give God a Fresh Listen

source: Barbara Dilly, Creighton University

I think Lent is a time that allows us to be more open to how Jesus is speaking to us in ways we had not heard before – to not be so sure we have all the answers. Jesus calls us to give God a fresh listen. Most often, the voice of God comes to us from a different point of view, from those who are marginalized, not those in positions of authority. One of the many blessings I enjoyed as a professor at Creighton University was watching our young people draw on their solid Christian values and knowledge of their faith to listen to Jesus speak to them in ways they had never heard before, in the voices of the marginalized. We gave them a safe place to further discern Christ's active word in their lives from new perspectives. As a result, they entered more fully into companionship with Christ in ways that not only enriched their own faith, but ways that made a difference in the lives of others.

It is my prayer today that we can all renew our faith as students of the living Christ. I pray we will each listen to the ways Jesus speaks to us like no one has ever spoken to us. We might learn something about ourselves and others, and how much God loves us all.

MOVIE: On March 17, the **FAMILY CAMP** movie will be presented, after the 10:00 Mass, about 11:30, in Brinkmann Hall after a **FREE** lite luncheon, by the PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE. The film, **FAMILY CAMP**, demonstrates that we are all flawed. This is a family-friendly movie that is based on the Christian faith and teaches important lessons. Sometimes the most unexpected relationships we form are the ones that help us reflect on ourselves the most.



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

Saturday, Mar. 23, 2024 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo, 3:00pm

Addison Lee & Jackson Winfield Kuehl

children of Lance & Chelsie [Thomas] Kuehl

May you grow in the love & wisdom of Jesus Christ!

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor, memory or celebration of your loved one(s), please bring to the church by noon on Friday, March 29. Monetary donations may also be given. Place your donation and info in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place in the collection basket.



Mass Schedule: Mar 18 – Mar 24, 2024

Mon., Mar 18: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Mar 19: 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"St. Joseph, spouse of BVM" *Janaan Bauer & Glenn Berns*

Wed., Mar 20: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Kathleen Bockenstedt & Ann Olinger

Thur., Mar 21: 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Mar 22: [No Mass Scheduled], *Day of Abstinence*

Sat., Mar 23: Vigil of Passion/Palm Sunday
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Angie Berns & Amy Hoeger
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jim & Lou Kuempel/Tom Kuempel

Sun., Mar 24: Passion/Palm Sunday
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
Donna Balk & Julie Schlueter

Immaculate Conception Parish Spring Breakfast

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Serving 8AM to 12 Noon.

Scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, toast, cinnamon rolls, milk, juice, & coffee.

Adults- \$12, kids- \$6; 5 and under free
Easter Raffle drawing

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Producing Fruit

source: www.young-catholics.org

In the gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent, Jesus speaks of his upcoming death and the necessity of it. He tells his followers that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Jesus is using this analogy to explain that his death will bear much fruit. His death will bring salvation to all who believe in him. But he is also telling his followers that following him requires sacrifice. We must be willing to let go of our own desires and wills and follow the will of God.

This can be a difficult and painful process, just as it was for Jesus on the cross. Jesus himself had to surrender his own will and desires to the will of the Father. He had to endure the pain and suffering of the cross to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation. But through this sacrifice, Jesus brought great glory to God. His death and resurrection brought salvation to all who believe in him. And his life and teachings continue to inspire and transform countless lives.

Through our own sacrifices, we too can bear much fruit and bring glory to God. Our sacrifice may not be as dramatic as that of Jesus, but it is still important. It may involve giving up our time, talents, or resources to serve others. It may involve forgiving someone who has hurt us. It may involve putting the needs of others before our own.

Whatever form our sacrifice takes, we can be assured that it will bear fruit. It will bring glory to God and help to build his kingdom on earth. So let us be willing to follow Jesus, even when it requires sacrifice. Let us be willing to let go of our own desires and wills, and follow the will of God.

Commissioning & recommissioning of new and current **Lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers** on Sunday March 24, 2024 during the 10:00 am Mass. There will be a reserved section in the front pews to sit together as a group. Following Mass there will be refreshments served in Brinkman Hall honoring this group.

Sacred Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28

4:00pm – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

5:30pm - St. Mary, Guttenberg

Good Friday, March 29

3:00pm, St. Mary, Guttenberg

(Youth Ministry Live Passion & Communion)

Holy Saturday, March 30

4:00pm – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30am, Immac. Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00am, St. Mary, Guttenberg



Saint of the Week: St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain and was kidnapped at age 16 by Irish raiders. He was sold into slavery in Ireland and remained in captivity for six years before escaping and returning home. His dream of converting the Irish pagans propelled him to study for the priesthood in Gaul, now France. In about 432, he was consecrated a bishop and was sent to Ireland. There he founded monasteries, made countless converts to the Faith. He was well known for using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. His feast day is March 17 and he is the patron of Ireland.

A Stewardship Moment

“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Mar 17: Movie presentation...**Family Camp**, BH
- Mar 20: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation Classes, 6pm
2nd grade 1st Reconciliation
- Mar 23: 2nd grade bread baking, 9am—noon, BH
- Mar 24: Commissioning of new & current Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at Mass
Palm Sunday
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday
- Apr 2: CDA Mtg, Noon at Monona
- Apr 7: First Communion Mass
- Apr 13/14: 2nd Collection by CDA for victims of domestic abuse
- May 1: Confirmation
- Jun 8 : St. Mary Alumni Banquet, BH

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

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