

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Living Out Our Faith

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Living out our faith requires more than just words or rituals. It's about the way we connect with others and lead by example.

In 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, we see the apostles' dedication to sharing their faith through loving relationships, akin to a mother's care for her children. This serves as a model for us in how we can convey the message of faith—through genuine, heartfelt connections.

Similarly, Jesus emphasized the importance of faithful leadership and sincerity in religious matters. He urged leaders to avoid hypocrisy and to remain true to their beliefs, setting a genuine example for others.

In essence, the readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that faith isn't just a private matter; it's about how we treat others and the authenticity we bring to our relationships. True faith shines through in our actions, care for one another, and our commitment to living by the values we profess.

Roofing Projects for 2024

The roofs on the church and the old school building need replacing. The parish council/finance committee members reviewed estimates at their last meeting and have selected the contractor who will be onsite in the next couple of weeks to firm up their estimate. A fundraising campaign will start soon. Projects to be done in 2024. More info to come.

Movie Presentation "Wonder": Nov 5, After Mass

On November 5, the "WONDER" movie will be presented after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, in Brinkmann Hall. The Parish Life Committee will provide a **FREE** light luncheon of soup and snacks prior to the movie starting about 11:30. The movie, "WONDER," tells the story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance.

KC Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In; St. Mary Church
Sunday, November 12, 8-11:30am
Free will donation. Free for Veterans.

Food Shelf Weekend

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for the food pantry at the Family Resource Center in Guttenberg.

Communion Distribution Change

Those wishing to receive communion should come forth to the front of church. Those unable to come to the front should stand in your pew and the Eucharistic Minister will come to you after serving those who come to the front. Also, if you are homebound and would like communion distributed to you, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

At the 10am Mass on Sunday, November 12, the Youth will be honoring our Veterans. All Veterans are invited to attend Mass and receive a special blessing. Uniforms may be worn.

Mass Schedule: Nov 6 – Nov 12, 2023

Mon., Nov 6: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Nov 7: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger/Vince & Inez Hoeger

Wed., Nov 8: 8:30 A.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Verna Greenwood & Charlie Bries

Thur., Nov 9: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Amy (Steffen) Clay & Janice Ulbrich

Fri., Nov 10: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Nov 11: Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Jack & Norma Eulberg
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Lynne Finnegan & Tom Tujetsch

Sun., Nov 12: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Youth Mass honoring Veterans
Dec'd of Floyd Westhoff Family & Friends

Prayer for the week:

Loving God, today I pray to ignore the question that is so often in my heart: "What about ME?" I beg you to help open my heart to hear the needs of others in my family, my life and this world. Help me to forget myself and lose myself in service/love. Then I will truly know that my life is in your hands. Then I will feel as loved and protected as a "weaned child on its mother's lap."

Extra Bibles?

The social justice committee delivers bibles to the Clayton County jail inmates monthly and is in need of more books to distribute. If you have any extra bibles that you would like to donate, please place them in the box in the back of church.

From Speakers Deacon Doug and Julia Bean . . .

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at your parish and bring a little bit of the Upper Room to Guttenberg last week! We enjoyed the warm welcome, especially meeting the parishioners afterward. The evening was a glimpse of the joyful gift of togetherness in the body of Christ! Many blessings to St. Mary's!

Do you want to show your thanks for your many blessings? Giving to Clayton County Womenade is your opportunity to do it!! Any donation is accepted. This money goes entirely to the support of struggling families referred by agencies in Clayton County.

Clayton County Womenade has provided over \$97,000 in aid since it's inception in 2013! Already this year over \$18,000 has been awarded, which is a significant increase from past years. The need is great!

Clayton County Womenade will gather in November!!
At the Stadium on **November 14, 2023 at 12:00 noon.**
All are invited! Donations may also be made at or mailed to Peoples State Bank, 15 Goethe St., PO Box 430, Guttenberg, IA 52052

Beckman Catholic Open House- Parents and students are invited to Beckman Catholic's Open House on Sunday, November 12 from 5:00-7:30pm. Come and have a chance to hear about our academic achievements, college credit offerings, and learn more about an affordable education with the passage of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs). Please register for a guided tour led by one of our Student Ambassadors: <https://signup.com/go/QeLdPqg> or by contacting Lauren Anstoetter at lanstoetter@beckmancatholic.org or 563-875-7188

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**Remembering those who have died this past year
Weekend of Nov. 5 & 6 at all 3-linked parishes**

A representative of each deceased is asked to light a candle at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful and then take the candle with them.

St. Joseph: Kim William Schulte, Dr. James Auer, Gerald Hoeger, Glenn Berns, Lois Mueller, David 'Butch' Rohner and Francis Stroschein

St. Mary: Shirley Davies, Barbara Pape, Lydia Kann, Thomas Kuempel, Gary Westhoff, Arnold Roepke, Robert 'Bob' Hoffmann, Elaine Hoffmann, Floyd Westhoff, Betty Klein, Jerrill 'Jerry' Kolker and Bernita Moser

Immaculate Conception: Elmer Henkels, Stella Hefel and Bonnie Lewis.

The "ADVENT & CHRISTMAS" booklets are now available at the entry ways of church. Advent begins Sunday December 3rd.

A Stewardship Moment

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest" Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Nov 2: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC

Nov 5: Movie Presentation, Wonder, after Mass, BH

Nov 7: CDA Mtg at Noon in Monona
KC Mtg, 7:30pm

Nov 8: Faith Formation, 6pm

Nov 11-26: Festival of Trees, Convent

Nov 12: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am
Youth Mass in Honor of Veterans

Nov 15: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation, 6pm, Mass and family potluck

Nov 19: Coffee/Donuts after Mass, BH

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