

# ST. MARY PARISH

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Newsletter: Oct 19, 2023 ~ Rectory: 563-252-1247 ~ Fr.'s Cell: 563-258-3958 ~ www.maryicjoseph.org

## LIVE THE LITURGY: **Genuine Faith and Authentic Living**

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The readings for this Sunday address the theme of authenticity in living out one's beliefs. In the second reading, Paul acknowledges the genuine faith of the Thessalonians, evidenced by their actions powered by the Holy Spirit. In the gospel, Jesus highlights the importance of authentic living by delineating the boundaries of earthly and spiritual commitments.

These passages prompt readers to question the sincerity of their own actions. Are they merely performing rote religious rituals? Or are they, like the Thessalonians, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide their actions, leading to genuine love and steadfast hope? Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees is a clear call for authenticity. By asking them to "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's," Jesus emphasizes the need to be genuine in both secular and spiritual duties without being hypocritical.

The connecting thread here is the call to lead an authentic life. It's about understanding and acknowledging our responsibilities in the secular world while ensuring our spiritual commitments aren't compromised. Both passages serve as reminders that genuine faith is evident in one's actions and that authenticity in all facets of life is paramount.

### Fall Silent Auction and Raffle

- Bidding in person/online: We are down to the **final few days** to bid on the silent auction items. Bidding closes at noon on Sunday!
- Cash Raffle/Donations: Each \$100 buys a ticket for a chance to win four cash prizes of \$500 each. **Drawing: Sunday, after the 10:00am Mass.**

This Sunday, the St. Mary's choir will be joined by St. Joseph's choir of Elkader for a music filled Sunday! Ever wanted to sing in the choir? If so, please join us, ability to read music is helpful, but not required. Questions call Gina at 563-213-9021



October is Respect Life Month—place donations of new and gently used baby items in the bassinet on the altar. Donations will be given to Birthright in DBQ.

Join us for Youth Mass next Sunday, October 29th to celebrate All Saints, All Souls. Children of all ages can come dressed in their Halloween costumes. We will have a Trunk or Treat event after Mass.



### Your Input is Requested . . .

On Monday, October 23 at 6:30 PM the Parish Council and Finance Committee will be discussing the replacement of the Church roof and the older school building roof. The Church roof is estimated to cost \$178,000-\$200,000 and the old school building roof is estimated to cost \$65,000-\$78,000. If you would like to comment on these projects, please contact Don Scherbring, 563-252-1556 or Jim Schlueter, 563-252-1490 or any other Parish Council/Finance Committee member prior to October 23. They would like to receive input from the parishioners. These projects are being considered for 2024.

### Mass Schedule: Oct 23 – Oct 29, 2023

**Mon., Oct 23:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Oct 24:** 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*David 'Butch' Rohner (Month Mind)*

**Wed., Oct 25:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Laurie Hartmann*

**Thur., Oct 26:** 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center  
*Janice Ulbrich & Amy (Steffen) Clay*

**Fri., Oct 27:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Oct 28:** Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Amy Hoeger & Henry Mueller*  
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Joyce & Vernon Cherne*

**Sun., Oct 29:** Thirtieth 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 Youth Mass**  
*Art Herman & Michael Herman*

**St. Mary's Parish welcomes guest speakers,  
Deacon Doug and Julia Bean**

Join us on an extraordinary voyage where this couple began following the path that God set out for them. Listen as they take us through life's twists and turns, facing adversity, only to discover the variety of surprises that God placed in their path. Together, we will immerse ourselves in their remarkable narrative, one filled with unexpected changes that continually drew them closer to God. It's a narrative brimming with hope and a promising future to embrace.

Join us in this inspiring journey!

**October 24 at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center; There will also be religious items available to purchase that evening.  
Hosted by St. Anne's.

**Festival of Trees—Friends of St. Mary**

The Friends of St. Mary group is planning a festival of trees event to take place in the convent. They are seeking individuals, groups, businesses and families to sponsor a decorated tree to be silent auctioned. The Convent will be open beginning Nov 11 after Masses for viewing trees and placing bids. The final day for bids will be Sunday, Nov 26 at 2pm. There will also be a soup and sandwich luncheon that day served after Mass. This event is in conjunction with the Guttenberg Merchant open house on Saturday, Nov 25 with the convent being open until after the parade that evening. Organizers have some trees available to be decorated and have at least 2 rooms ready to be lit up. All proceeds will go toward preserving the convent.



Please contact Nancy Nuehring at 563-880-0280 or clay.nancy4@live.com with questions. Trees need to be ready for showing by November 11. If you wish to decorate your tree at the convent, please contact Nancy to schedule a time.

**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.

**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 and Jerrill 'Jerry' Kolker.

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

The Women's Faith Sharing Group Sessions have been cancelled due to a very small number of participants.

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

**A Stewardship Moment**

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God?"

**Upcoming Parish Events . . .**

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Oct 19 Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 22: Fall Raffle Drawing after Mass  
Silent Auction Bidding ends at Noon
- Oct 23: Parish Council/Finance Meeting, 6:30pm, BH  
Friends of St. Mary, 6:30pm, PC
- Oct 24: Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC  
Speakers Deacon Doug & Julia Bean, 6:30pm, PC
- Oct 26 Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 29: Youth Mass and Trunk or Treat after Mass
- Nov 1: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Nov 5: Movie Presentation, Wonder, after Mass, BH
- Nov 7: CDA Mtg at Noon in Monona
- Nov 15: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Nov 19: Coffee/Donuts after Mass, BH

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

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