

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Actions Speak Louder

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In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Jesus presents a parable to the chief priests and elders. A father asked his sons to work in the vineyard. The first son initially refused but later obeyed, while the second son agreed but didn't follow through. When asked which son did his father's will, they acknowledged the first.

This story prompts us to reflect on the power of actions versus words. True transformation lies in our deeds, not just appearances. We might profess goodness but act differently. The sincerity of our hearts matters more than our knowledge. Our lives should reflect caring actions, for what we do matters more than what we know.

This reading reminds us that change is possible. Despite initial refusals or mere lip service, we can still choose to embrace what is right and answer God's call to serve. Our actions can reshape our paths, illustrating our commitment to God's will.

Clarity Clinic 'Baby Bottle' Appeal is this weekend at all 3 linked parishes. To support their efforts, you may take a baby bottle home and return it in 2 weeks with your donation or use a donation envelope which will be available.



Fall Silent Auction and Raffle

- Donations are needed for the Silent Auction. They can be dropped off 1/2 hr before or after weekend Masses.
- Silent Auction Bidding starts on Oct 8
- Cash Raffle/Donations: Each \$100 will buy a ticket for a chance to win four cash prizes of \$500 each. Drawing: October 22, after the 10:00am Mass. Tickets can be purchased now or donations made (*please make checks to St. Mary Fall Festival and indicate Tickets or Donation*)

KC Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In; St. Mary Church
Sunday, October 8, 8-11:30am



Free will donation.

A Sacramental Minister flyer will be distributed the weekend of October 7/8. Please prayerfully consider how you could help in one or more of these areas: usher, eucharistic minister, greeter, reader, altar servers, gift bearers, rosary & music ministry.

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



Saturday, September 30 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Iyla Andrea Kann

daughter of Rich & Hayle (Bockenstedt) Kann

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

Mass Schedule: Oct 2 – Oct 8, 2023

Mon., Oct 2: [No Mass Scheduled]

“Feast of the Guardians Angels”

Tues., Oct 3: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo,

“St. Francis of Assisi”

Jack & Norma Eulberg

Wed., Oct 4: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

Barb Pape (C.D. of A.)

Thur., Oct 5: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center

Leon Berns & Pete Davis

Fri., Oct 6: 4:00 P.M.—Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

Wedding Ceremony

Nicole Breitbach & Colton Connelly



Sat., Oct 7: Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo

Phil Moser & Kathleen Nieland

5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg

Carol Schlueter

Sun., Oct 8: Twenty-Seventh 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

Alice Green & Fran Troester

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Today’s readings all seem to be centered on actions...about the choices we make....about which path we decide to follow. I love the opening line of the first reading: “The Lord’s way is not fair.” Often in my much younger days, one of my six siblings and I would lament about how much easier our lives would be if our parents had not raised us to be “fair”. And not only about acting fairly, but needing to do something when confronted with situations that were unfairly hurting others.

“Why couldn’t we be like so many others, skating away from unfair circumstances or not being able to see the unfairness in the first place?” we would whine to each other. Our lives would be so much more comfortable and much easier if only we could not see. But then I would return to a saying that I always loved that goes along the lines that “Christ came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” Was it Christ who afflicted the older brother in the gospel today so that, in the end, he went out and did what his father requested?

The other concept that tugged at me about today’s reading was glory. I have a friend who has a difficult personality. However, my friend spends her time quietly doing things for others that help them cope or get past a bad patch in their lives. She consistently manifests the glory of God inside her. Her family members, friends and community are significantly better off because of her kind, thoughtful actions.

Each of us is called to a different path so that God’s glory can be revealed here on earth. I think that if each us let the unique glory of God that is within us shine forth, we could create the kingdom of God here on earth. So, don’t be shy. Too many people today need to see some of God’s glory and feel God’s goodness so they can have the hope and strength they need to carry on. So, I am going to stop whining, roll up my sleeves and get to work. And while I am not always grateful for this perspective...thanks anyway, Mom, thanks anyway, Dad.

Faith Formation Info:

Join us for Youth Mass on 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.



Decorated car trunks are needed!

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.

A Stewardship Moment

The first son in today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

October is the month of the rosary to be said at home by every family member. It is also when we submit Mass attendance counts to the Archdiocese. Bring your family and invite others who have not been to weekend Masses. **The future of your parish is up to you in prayer and worship in your home church!**

Discipleship Experience Weekend

Oct 27-29, New Melleray Abbey Retreat House, Peosta
“Join us for a meaningful weekend to study and reflect on Catholic Social Justice Teachings”
Information Packets can be found at the back of church.

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

- (BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)
- Sept 28: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 3: Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC
CDA Mtg, Noon in Brinkmann Hall
KC Mtg, 7:30pm Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 4: Sacred Seed Sowers, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation, 6pm, PC
- Oct 5: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 8: KC Breakfast, 8:00-11:30 am

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

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