Oelwein Area Pastorate
St. Mary Church, Guttenberg

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August 27, 2026 ~ Very Rev. Henry Huber, Pastor ~ Rev. Isaac Boadu, Parochial Vicar
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Back to School Blessing . . .
Heavenly Father, we invoke your blessing upon our students, teachers, staff and administrators at the start of this school year. Send your angels to guide and protect them. Give them hearts to be brothers and sisters more than classmates. In seeking to learn the things of the world, may they find their way to you. May almighty God bless you, Amen!

High School Youth Ministry Kick-off:
Join us Wednesday, September 9, 6pm-8pm for kickball & pizza at Vets Field (behind Casey's).
All high school students are welcome!

Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? St. Mary's Choir is looking for additional singers & musicians to help enhance our liturgies. All experience levels are welcome! Interested? Contact Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946 for more info, or simply come to the choir loft on Sundays to learn more and join us.

Church Decorating
We are seeking someone(s) to help with church decorating. If you enjoy creating a welcoming worship space, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Lora Kolker @ 563-880-9111 for more info.

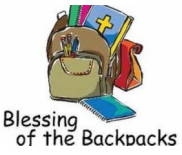
SCRIPTURE STUDY: "Foundations of Faith" Join us for a scripture Study series based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The fall 6 week session begins Sept. 22 & 24, and meets in the Parish Center. Each week's material is offered twice-choose the time that works best:

- **Tuesdays, 8:30am** with **Jerry Balk**
- **Thursdays, 6:30pm** with **Jim Pfaffly**

Each session includes a 30-minute DVD presentation and guided study materials. If you'd like to participate or just see what it is about, drop into a session or call: Jerry, 563-580-4539 or Jim, 563-880-9696.

Mass Counts: Sunday, 8/23: 313
Monday, 8/24: 36
Thursday, 8/27: 35

Backpack Blessing Mass this Sunday!



Students, teachers, staff, administrators and faith formation teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/ lunch boxes/etc. to Mass **this Sunday** for a special prayer and blessing as they start their academic year. **This meaningful tradition reminds us that God walks with us through every lesson, challenge, and triumph.**

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

Friday, September 4, St. Mary, Guttenberg, 5:30pm
Teddi Jo Wille
Daughter of Jake and Hannah Wille
May you grow in the love & wisdom of Jesus Christ!

Mass Schedule: August 31 – September 6, 2026

Mon., Aug 31: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Joyce Klosterman

Tues., Sept 1: 7:30 A.M. Mass—Immaculate Conception, Buenie
8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Elkader
Roman Kuennen Family
6:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Alvin & Vera Berns

Wed., Sept 2: 8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Patrick, Colesburg
Mark Brown
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Strawberry Point
Francis & Mary Zoll

Thur., Sept 3: 8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Elmer & Annie Ries
8:30 A. M. Mass—Sacred Heart, Volga
Eddie Fettkether

Fri., Sept 4: 7:30 A.M. Mass—Holy Trinity, Luxemberg
Noon Mass—St. Mark, Edgewood
Robert & Germaine Vorwald

Sat., Sept 5: Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00—3:45pm Confessions, St. Joseph, Elkader
4:00 pm, St. Joseph, Elkader
Ismael Flores
3:00—3:45pm Confessions, St. Mark, Edgewood
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For the People of the Pastorate

Sun., Sept 6: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Mass, St. Mark, Edgewood
Wayne Tauke
9:00 A.M. Confessions, St. Mary, Guttenberg
10:00 A.M. Mass – St. Mary Church, Guttenberg, *Live Streamed*
Alfred & Betty Klein

Journey in Faith: Director of Evangelization and Director of Operations

We are nearing the time that each pastorate will hire a Director of Evangelization and a Director of Operations. Hiring for these positions will be done between September 2026 and January 2027. The Director of Evangelization will help lead the pastorate's mission of evangelization and forming disciples, while the Director of Operations will oversee the administrative and operational functions that support that mission. Are you being called to serve in one of these positions? Have you invited someone with the gifts for one of these leadership roles to consider serving? Both positions report directly to the pastor and require vision, initiative, and a commitment to our Catholic mission, with strong experience in supervision and leadership. More information, including job descriptions, will be shared in the coming months. Please keep the hiring of these important roles in your prayers.

Fall Silent Auction, Raffle & Roast Beef Dinner

Save the Date . . . Sunday, October 18th
St. Mary Church, Guttenberg

Once again this year, we will be holding our annual Silent Auction, Raffle and Roast Beef Dinner! Please start thinking about new or handmade items you might be able to donate for our Silent Auction. Your donations help make this event a success! We will also have a raffle drawing with a chance to win one of four $500 cash prizes! More information about the dinner, Silent Auction, and raffle will be coming soon. **Mark your calendars and plan to join us!**

Altar server refresher training after Mass on August 30.
Questions? Call Katey, 563-219-4129

Grief Share

September 3 & 10, 5:30-7:00pm
Then Tuesdays, Sept. 15 - Nov. 24, 5:30-7:00pm

Grieving the loss of someone close to you? Find comfort and support at Grief Share. The fall Grief Share Group will be starting up in September. The group will be meeting on Thursdays, September 3 and 10 then switch to Tuesdays from September 15 - November 24 at 5:30 pm—7:00 pm in the St. Joseph, Elkader, Parish Center from September 3—November 24. This is a 13 week grief support group that you can join at any time. For more information contact Kandi DeShaw at 608-306-2558 Kandi_deshaw@hotmail.com.

Do you have a desire to serve youth? Katey Simon, is looking for volunteers for the following: 1) to walk with our high school youth on their faith journey and 2) to cook a meal for our youth ministry kids on Wednesday evenings. If interested in either of these, please contact Katey at (563) 219-4129 or dbq096ym@dbqarch.org

Prayer List: Please join us in praying for: Maria George Family, Maria (Frommelt) Somsel, Andy Schroeder, Kenny Scherbring, LeRoy Bries, Victoria Mass, Sarah Dress, Lois Goerdt, Sue Henkels, Gloria Muller, TJ Schmitt, Daryl Wille. Contact Betty Evers: 563-252-1666.

Buenie Family Picnic, Sunday, September 6

Chicken and Ham Dinner, 11 am—3pm
Silent Auction, Raffle, Country Store, Kids Games & Inflatables. Fun for the whole Family!!
N. Buena Vista Community Hall

Events in the Pastorate . . .

- August 30th: 8am—Noon, St. Joseph, Elkader, KC **Dad's BelgiumWaffle Breakfast**
- Sept 15, West Bend Bus Trip, call Sacred Heart, Oelwein for more info.
- Sept 20; 11-1;Sacred Heart, Volga, Picnic Potluck
- September 27, St. Mary, Strawberry Pt; 11-1 **Fun Day** — meal, raffle, live auction
- October 4, Sacred Heart Oelwein; 2:30pm Mass Celebration of 150 years!
- October 10, Hog Roast, St. Joseph, Garnavillo
- October 18, St. Mary, Guttenberg, Fall Silent Auction, Raffle and Roast Beef Dinner

A Stewardship Moment: In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "…offer your bodies as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall/Church Basement; PC is St. Mary Parish Center)

Aug 31: Finance Committee, Noon, PC
Parish Council, 6:30pm, PC
Sept 1: CDA Meeting, Noon, BH
KC Meeting, 7:30pm
Sep 2: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Sep 6: Patriotic Rosary, 5:30pm
Sep 8: Pastorate Pastoral & Finance Commission Mtgs, 6:30pm, St. Joseph Parish Center, Elkader
Sep 9: High School Youth Ministry; 6-8pm, Vets field
Sep 10: Parish Council/Finance Council Mtg, 6:30pm, St. Joseph Parish Center, Elkader
Sep 16: Youth Ministry, 6pm, BH
Sep 22: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30am, PC
Sep 23: Youth Ministry, 6pm, BH
Sep 24: Scripture Study, PC

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Things to note. . .
*Hearing Assist Devices & Gluten Free Hosts are available
*When there is a funeral, daily Mass for that day is cancelled.
*Use envelopes provided for cash donations.