Oelwein Area Pastorate
St. Mary Church, Guttenberg

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October 29, 2026 ~ Very Rev. Henry Huber, Pastor ~ Rev. Isaac Boadu, Parochial Vicar
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From Fr. Huber . . .

I'm writing this on the feast of Saint John of Capistrano. He is not a well-known saint. He lived during difficult times, where plague had decimated the populace of Europe and killed 40% of the clergy. War was common throughout his Italy, and Islam was invading Europe. I'm sure that many people were tempted to despair.

John didn't give in to despair. He committed himself to using his talents and abilities to make things better, first in his Franciscan order, then the Church in Italy, then in the world of politics. In many ways, the difficulty of his time made him a better person and priest than he otherwise might have been.

As we continue the Journey in Faith, the ride will remain bumpy. We haven't ordered everything perfectly out of the gate. The goal is to learn from mistakes and make things as good as we can for as many people as possible as soon as possible. Slowly but surely, we can do that, if we are all committed to doing what we can to make things better, instead of giving in to anger and despair.

Fr. Isaac and a couple of Clermont parishioners pointed out to me that when filling out the schedule for extraordinary Masses for the remainder of the year, I overlooked having Mass at Immaculate Conception on their patronal feast. We have remedied that by moving the Clermont Mass to Sumner on Dec 8, Noon.

Please remember that everything is new this year and no one is perfect. Things will be missed and overlooked with no malice involved. Things will get better with time.

On that note, I want to thank the staff members of our parishes for their efforts, cooperation, and flexibility. They have gone a long ways to making our transition as smooth and productive as any in the Archdiocese. **~ Fr. Huber**

Mass Counts: Sunday, 10/25: 305
Monday, 10/26: 29
Thursday, 10/29: 26

At Mass this Sunday, we remember those in our parish and surrounding parishes who have died in the past year. On the St. Joseph altar, there will be a candle lit for each of the deceased. After Mass, a family member is welcome to take a candle home with them.

Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista: Ronald Hefel, Reynold Schmerbach, Donald Schemmel
St. Joseph, Garnavillo: James Kann, James Hoeger, Roger Kuehl, Michael Stoeffler, Lorna Moser
St. Mary, Guttenberg: Daniel Carrier, Steven Elsinger, Ronald Judkins, Clark Bolsinger, Howard Hubbell, Lois Davis, Marguerite Heber, Richard Heber, Leonard Goedken, Sharon Troester, LaVern Haas, Betty Thompson, Leroy Bries
St. Patrick, Colesburg: Jean VonHandorf, Patrick Steger, Don Steger, Jean Zittergruen, Wilma Olson, Mark Brown, Kelley Knockel

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You the souls of these members of our parishes. Grant them eternal rest & may perpetual light shine upon them.

Mass Schedule: Nov 2 – Nov 8, 2026
(Confessions available 1 hour before weekend Masses)

Mon., Nov 2: 8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
For the deceased of our parishes

Tues., Nov 3: 7:30 A.M. Mass—Immaculate Conception, Buenie
8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Elkader
Paula Chambetain
6:00 P.M. Mass—St Joseph, Garnavillo
Glenn Berns

Wed., Nov 4: ~~8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Patrick, Colesburg~~
5:30 P. M. Mass—St. Mary, Strawberry Pt
David McInteer

Thur., Nov 5: 8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Tracy Werges
8:30 A. M. Mass—Sacred Heart, Volga
Mary Schaefers

Fri., Nov 6: 7:30 A.M. Mass—Holy Trinity, Luxemberg
Noon Mass—St. Mark, Edgewood
Fr. Paul Baldwin

Sat., Nov 7: 1:00 P.M. Wedding Mass, St. Mary, Guttenberg
Justin Greve & Galaderial Freeland

Sat., Nov 7: Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Elkader
Ismael Flores
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Mark, Edgewood
Terry Wilson

Sun., Nov 8: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Mass, St. Mark, Edgewood
Lonnie Kruger
10:00 A.M. Mass – St. Mary Church, Guttenberg, *Live Streamed*
For the people of the Pastorate

Journey in Faith: Thank you for sharing your thoughts through the parishioner survey and for making the effort to meet new people and build relationships across our pastorate. Every conversation, invitation, and act of welcome helps us grow together. We are grateful for your patience and for each step you take, even when it feels unfamiliar. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we walk together in faith, trusting that God is at work among us and that each of us has a part in sharing Christ's love.

Beginning November 15, our bulletin will have a new look! It will become a **pastorate bulletin** and will be printed in color. Kim Warpinski will be our bulletin editor. Please submit all bulletin items by email to Kim at dbq074sec@dbqarch.org **at least 11 days before the Sunday you wish your item to appear.** Please note that, due to the holidays, submission deadlines will be even earlier. See below for the upcoming bulletin deadlines.

Bulletin	Info Due:	Bulletin	Info Due:
Nov 15	Nov 4	Dec 13. . . .	Dec 2
Nov 22	Nov 11	Dec 20. . . .	Dec 9
Nov 29	Nov 17	Dec 27. . . .	Dec 15
Dec 6	Nov 27	Jan 3	Dec 21

If you have any questions, please call Lisa at the parish office. Thank you for helping us make this transition a success!

Do You Enjoy Decorating? St. Mary Church needs YOU! We are looking for someone willing to take the lead in decorating our church. If you have a creative touch and are willing to help, please call the parish office today at 563.252.1247. We would love to hear from you!

Job Openings — Our pastorate is looking to hire a Director of Operations and a Director of Evangelization. Job descriptions can be found at: dbqarch.org/answerthecall
To apply for either position please submit a résumé, cover letter, and references to: **Fr. Henry Huber;** PO Box 365; Edgewood, IA 52042 or email to h.huber@dbqarch.org

Our pastorate is looking for vocalists, organist/pianist, guitarist and other instruments to join the music ministry. All ages are welcome—consider volunteering your time and talent in song. Contact: Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946

Prayer List: Please join us in praying for: Maria (Frommelt) Somsel, Andy Schroeder, Kenny Scherbring, Lois Goerdt, TJ Schmitt, Cathy Fischer, Mark Binkin, Jeff Evers, Trowbridge family, Dan Kennicker, Don Herkes, Sue Hess, Megan Trenton. Contact Betty Evers: 563.252.1666

Community Thanksgiving Meal
Hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church, Guttenberg.
November 26 at Noon
Please make your reservations by Nov. 12th by calling Lynda at 563-880-5273. Meals can be delivered to the homebound.

Fall Fundraiser: Thank you to all who made our fall fundraiser a successful and spirit-filled day! $11,300 was raised!

If you or someone you know would benefit from having a caring, confidential, non judgmental someone to talk with, please reach out. Stephen Ministers are here to listen to help lessen the burdens we carry through the difficult times of life. Call Becky Shaffer, 319-393-1234.

Events in the Pastorate . . .
- Oct 31: Family Rosary, 9am, St. Joseph, Garnavillo
- Nov 3, Sacred Heart, Volga, Soup Supper, 4-7pm
- Nov 8, French Toast & Sausage Breakfast, 8– 11:30am, St. Mary, Guttenberg
- Nov 13, Immaculate Conception, Sumner, Fish Fry 5:30-7pm @ Sumner American Legion Hall

A Stewardship Moment: Today's psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it." We are *stewards*, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!"

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

Oct 29: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
Nov 1: Collection for Food Pantry, buckets at all doors
Patriotic Rosary, 5:30pm
Nov 3: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30am, PC
CDA Mtg, Noon, BH
KC Mtg, 7pm, Clubroom
Nov 4: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation Classes, 6pm in the Church
Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Nov 5: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
Nov 8: KC French Toast/Sausage Breakfast, 8-11:30am
Nov 10: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30am, PC
Nov 10: Pastorate Commissions Mtg, 7pm, Elkader
Nov 11: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm in the Church
Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Nov 12: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
Nov 17: Parish and Finance Council Mtg, 6:30pm Elkader
Nov 18: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC

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