

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust. But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor, memory or celebration of your loved one(s), please bring to the church by noon on Friday, April 15. Monetary donations may also be given.



Place your donation and information in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put it in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory.



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

Easter Sunday, April 17 at St. Mary, Guttenberg during Mass

Lincoln Jeffrey Wolter

son of Zach & Rachel (Heims) Wolter

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

Mass Schedule: Apr 11 – Apr 17, 2022

Mon., Apr 11: [No Mass Schedule]

Tues., Apr 12: [No Mass Schedule]

Wed., Apr 13: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 3rd Grade
Ann Olinger & Annie Ries

Thur., Apr 14: Holy Thursday
8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Leon Berns & Bill & Kay Vogt
5:30pm, St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Fri., Apr 15: Good Friday, Fasting and Abstinence from meat
Live Passion by Youth Ministry with Communion Service
3:00 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

Sat., Apr 16: Holy Saturday
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Deceased of Kainz/Koopman/DeSotel Families

Sun., Apr 17: Easter Sunday
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Arthur Herman



Save the Convent Meeting

Wed. April 13th, 5pm Brinkmann Hall

Calling all St. Mary Alumni and interested parishioners/people willing to help with their time, talent and treasure to save the convent from being tore down. Contact Jane Parker if you want to help but are unable to attend 563-880-5469.

Archdiocesan Synod Survey Update:

Nearly 16,000 households participated in the Archdiocesan Synod Survey on parish vitality which surpassed our expectations. Thank you to all those who participated. We are now working to analyze the wealth of information. A report to the archdiocesan family will be sent to all households later this spring. Please continue to pray for all involved in this important undertaking that the Holy Spirit will direct their work.

The crafting ladies are selling their inventory of craft supplies—ribbons, fall, Christmas items, garlands, wreaths, etc. For more information please contact Margie Deutmeyer 563-252-1569

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Be not afraid of the cross

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

The crowds greeted Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem with joyful enthusiasm. A few days later some of those people were undoubtedly part of the hate-filled crowd screaming “CRUCIFY HIM!” Peter, who promised Jesus that he would never betray him, does so just hours later. How can something so wonderful take such an ugly turn? How does that happen in our world, lives, and hearts? How can it get so bad so quickly?

It isn’t easy to be a hero, or to stand alone. It isn’t easy to do what’s right when doing what’s right isn’t popular. It’s easier to go along with the crowd. When they shout, “Hosanna”, we shout “Hosanna!” When they scream, “Crucify him”, we scream “Crucify him!” The history of the Church, from Jesus to the present moment, is filled with the witness of saints and martyrs who didn’t accept the social and personal sins of their times as just “the ways things are” but instead followed the way of Jesus, even knowing it was the way of the cross. Sadly, many of us are too easily swept into the fear and hatred of the crowd, and willing to unleash our wrath on the most convenient innocent victim.

Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who came to speak a word to the weary, who did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, who was obedient unto death—this is our Lord, who we are to follow no matter where he leads, no matter how difficult the path.

However, our discipleship of Christ is not a call to accept abuse, whether physical, spiritual, or psychological, nor to believe we are being Christ-like in doing so. It is a call to speak out against abuse and stand with those who are abused. This is the way of the Cross, the way of Christ. But be not afraid, for we will not be disgraced or put to shame, for God is our help, Jesus our Lord, and the Holy Spirit our power—the power of love, not violence. Perhaps we began this Lent with a firm commitment to pray more deeply, fast more faithfully, give alms more generously. But as the weeks went by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving became less appealing than arguing with one another about who among us is the greatest. Whose country is the greatest, whose politics, whose candidate, whose policies, whose ideologies.

There is still war. There are still refugees. There is still racism. The poor we still have with us. But because Jesus’ name is above every other name, because we bend our knee before him and confess him as our Lord, we will be obedient to him. We will carry the cross that Jesus that has given us. We must never go along with the violent angry crowd. We are not abandoned or afraid. “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” source:uscatholic.org

<p>SMIC Spring Rummage/Bake Sale will be Apr 29th/30th. Donations of clean usable items will be accepted beginning Apr 25th or call Lisa Kies(563-880-1946) to make arrangements. No TVs! Volunteers also needed to setup that week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)</u></p> <p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 13, 8th grade Passion Play, 12:30 and 6pm in the auditorium• April 20, PPA Meeting, 5:30pm Middle School• May 18, SMIC Spring Concert, 6pm• May 24, SMIC Talent Show <p><u>Upcoming Fundraisers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring Rummage/Bake Sale: April 29th 8am-6pm; April 30, 8am-12.• Scrip Sales — ongoing <p>Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Let’s all use the St. Mary/IC School Scrip Program</p> <p>Did you know Scrip can also be purchased online with hundreds of vendors to select from like Walmart, Target, Amazon, Lowes, Kohls, Lands End, Applebees, etc.? Goto www.shopwithscrip.com. SMIC school code is: FCDB6FEA5179.</p>	<p>Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)</p> <p>Apr 9: Belgian Waffle Supper, St. Joe, Garnavillo; 5-7pm, Freewill offering</p> <p>Apr 10: Palm Sunday Breakfast, Immaculate Conception, 8-Noon</p> <p>Apr 13: 12:30pm, 8th Grade Passion Play, auditorium 5pm, Save the Convent Meeting, BH 6pm, 8th Grade Passion Play, auditorium</p> <p>Apr 20: PPA Meeting, 5:30pm, Middle School</p> <p>Apr 24: First Communion</p> <p>May 6: Mother/Daughter/Friend Community Tea, 6pm St. John’s</p> <p>May 11: Confirmation, 6:30pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A Stewardship Moment</p> <p>“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?</p>	<p>Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us</p>