

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Break Open the Tomb



Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection,  
but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.  
Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.  
Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life.  
That I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen

**HE IS RISEN!! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**

**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 18 – Apr 24, 2022

**Holy Week Schedule**   
April 14<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday  
5:30pm, St. Mary, Guttenberg  
April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday  
3:00pm, St. Mary, Guttenberg  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday  
4:00pm, St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday  
8:30am, N. Buena Vista  
10:00am, St. Mary, Guttenberg

**Mon., Apr 18:** [No Mass Schedule], No School

**Tues., Apr 19:** [No Mass Schedule]

**Wed., Apr 20:** [No Mass Schedule]

**Thur., Apr 21:** 10:00 A.M – Guttenberg Care Center  
*Leon Berns & Pete Davis*

**Fri., Apr 22:** [No Mass Schedule]

**Sat., Apr 23:** Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter  
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Jack & Norma Eulberg*  
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Robert 'Bob' Hoffmann & Robert Hartmann*

**Life Saver Weekend**  
Catholic daughters will have a second collection the weekend of April 23 and 24 for victims of abuse .

**Sun., Apr 24:** Second Sunday of Easter & First Communion  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

"Celebration of Lives" for John & Karen Youngblut, Sat., April 23 with a religious service at 2 p.m. at Guttenberg Marina

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**  
*People of the Parish*

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:** Today, Easter Sunday, is the beginning of our story and this is our story: that the grave is not a destination but a process; the cross is not an end but a means. Today we celebrate Light: The Paschal candle represents Jesus, the primordial light of creation. “Light from Light”. By the resurrection, the light of God is cast over our souls. Jesus is the light that pierces the grave and penetrates the shadow of death. He is the light that pierces the thickest side of our bitterness and pain. St. Paul writes, “God who said ‘let light shine out of darkness’, has shone in our hearts” (2Cor 4:6).

We celebrate Hope: For forty days we have followed Christ through the days of penance. We have fasted, prayed and given alms to the poor. We have carried our tears, fears and anxieties through the way of the cross and followed Christ up to Calvary. Today, we are sure our hope did not disappoint us by the grace which flows from Easter. The gospels present us with the story of how hopelessness was destroyed by hope. St. John presents the account of the resurrection in two revealing stages: The experience of Mary Magdalene and the experience of the disciples. Both experiences were filled with the unexpected. The woman went to console herself by her routine anointing the body of Jesus. The disciples too never believed that Jesus would rise until they saw the evidences: the empty tomb and littered clothes. The resurrection of Jesus offers hope to a world in the grave of misery, especially when there seems to be no hope of a new beginning. With hope we know that light will outshine darkness, truth will conquer falsehood, good-will will triumph over evil, and life will exceed death.

We now see the morning: Are we not more often like this woman and the two disciples? We least expect that the dead shall have a new life; that the fallen shall stand on their feet again. It is important for us to understand that the darkness which covered the whole world as Jesus breathed his last did not endure forever, because on the first day of the week the sun arose to usher in a great light of a fresh beginning. This calls to mind the words of the psalmist which says: “At night there were tears but joy comes with the dawn”. (Psalm 33:5).

The stone is rolled: The giant stone which blocked the entrance of the tomb of Jesus is a metaphor for everything and everybody that block our hope of receiving God’s blessings here on earth and our resurrection in heaven. It symbolizes all forces that hold us in the bondage of the grave. Think about the people who do not want us to move forward in life spiritually or physically. They are the stones on our way. We are gripped with fear of people, objects, economy, even governments that may hinder us from future progress. The apostles worried about the stone before arriving at the grave side because it was a block to seeing an empty tomb—the empty tomb is a symbol that Christ is no longer held bound in the confines of the grave. However, the stone became irrelevant as they reached there. By the power of his resurrection Christ has rolled out every stone on way. All forces against us are now irrelevant!

Let us carry the message to the poor, the sick and the brokenhearted that beyond the gloomy darkness of the grave lies the glorious dawn of Easter morning.

*By: Fr. Johnbosco Obika*

**“We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.” HAPPY EASTER!!!**

<p>SMIC Spring Rummage/Bake Sale will be Apr 29th/30th. Donations of <b>clean usable</b> 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 align="center"><b><u>Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)</u></b></p> <p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 20, PPA Meeting, 5:30pm Middle School</li> <li>• May 18, SMIC Spring Concert, 6pm</li> <li>• May 24, SMIC Talent Show</li> </ul> <p><u>Upcoming Fundraisers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Rummage/Bake Sale: April 29th 8am-6pm; April 30, 8am-12.</li> <li>• Scrip Sales — ongoing</li> </ul> <p>Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469</p>
<p>Dubuque County Right To Life is hosting their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker is Dr. Anthony Levatino. Cocktail hour will begin at 5pm with dinner and program to follow. Dr. Levatino was a former abortionist – come hear his story of what changed his mind, and ultimately, his life. RSVP by April 18<sup>th</sup> to the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960, or email at <a href="mailto:dctrl@dctrl.org">dctrl@dctrl.org</a>, or online at <a href="http://dctrl.org">dctrl.org</a>. Everyone is invited!</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Parish Events . . . .</b> (BH = Brinkmann Hall)</p> <p>Apr 20: PPA Meeting, 5:30pm, Middle School          Apr 23/24: Life Saver Weekend, 2nd collection for victims of abuse          Apr 24: First Communion          May 3: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, BH          May 6: Mother/Daughter/Friend Community Tea, 6pm St. John’s          May 11: Confirmation, 6:30pm</p>
<p align="center"><b>A Stewardship Moment</b></p> <p>In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth.” We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022:</b> “Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through”; Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17, 2022 at St. John’s Church. Registration Deadline is May 2nd, \$10; Registration Forms at back of church.</p> <p align="center">Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: <a href="mailto:churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us">churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us</a></p>