

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and shortsighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



The Sacrament of Anointing will be offered on the weekend of May 1 and 2. Before and after Masses at St. Joseph and Immaculate Conception and after Masses at St. Mary.

Spring Cleaning?
SMIC Spring Rummage & Bake Sale
April 22 and 23 - 1pm-6pm
April 24 - 8am-2pm (1/2 price all day)
Now accepting donations of clean saleable items. Contact Val Cromer Mon-Fri 8:30am-1pm, 252-2121, with donations.
Volunteers needed all week to organize.

A Prayer for Easter Eyes



My Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new life!

Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen



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

Saturday, Apr. 17 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass
Axel James Rausch
son of Phil & Brittany Lucas

Sunday, Apr. 25 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass
Knox James Friedlein
son of Nicholas Friedlein & Mackenzie Klein

Sunday, Apr. 25 at St. Mary, Guttenberg, 12:30 pm
Walter Bean Griep
son of Jeremiah & Kayleen [Keehner] Griep
Permission to baptize from pastor of Prince of Peace, Clinton, Iowa

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

Public Mass Schedule: Apr 19 – Apr 25, 2021 Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Apr 19: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Apr 20: 8:30 A.M. —St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Paul Puelz & Amy Hoeger

Wed., Apr 21: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 6th/7th Grade
Ronald & Agnes McDonnell

Thur., Apr 22: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Apr 23: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Apr 24: VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Sharon Berns [Month Mind]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Robert ‘Bob’ Hoffmann [Month Mind]

Sun., Apr 25: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Carol Schlueter

Mass Readings for April 18, 2021:

Reading I, [Acts 3:13-15, 17-19](#) : Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Responsorial Psalm, [4:2, 4, 7-8, 9](#) : **R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer! **R.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him. **R.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart. **R.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. **R.**

Reading II, [1 Jn 2:1-5a](#) : My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** [Cf. Lk 24:32](#)

Gospel, [Lk 24:35-48](#) : The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

HOW TO FAIL YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN: You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat? ”It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored. Because he was God, none of those feeling sever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out. It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Youth Ministry Events/Activities

No meetings in April;
Next mtg May 5, 6:30-8pm

There will be a **bake sale at St Joseph's** church in Garnavillo on Thurs, April 29th, Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st. during the city wide garage sales. All proceeds will go to the Youth Ministry for NCYC. If you would like to donate bake sale items please drop off at St Mary's School or the St Joseph's church hall. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

If you would like to sponsor a youth going to the National Catholic Youth Conference, please drop off your donation at the school office, mail to PO Box 100 Guttenberg, IA 52052, or drop in the collection basket at Mass mark your envelope “NCYC”. Please make checks payable to SMIC Faith Formation.

Upcoming Events

- June 7-11: Faith Formation Religious Education Program
- June 12: First Reconciliation for Faith Formation 2nd graders
- June 13: First Communion for Faith Formation 2nd graders

SMIC Raffle Winners:
4/7: \$100, Kim Moser;

Interested in what’s happening at SMIC School? Visit: www.stmic.org.
The school newsletter is also available on the church website.