

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY:

~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

Have you ever noticed how the story of the two disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus looks a lot like the way we meet Jesus at every Mass?

At the start, Cleopas and his friend were devastated. Jesus had been crucified, and their hopes were dashed. So when Jesus approached them, "their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him" (Luke 24:16). How often do we come to Mass preoccupied? Things in our lives can keep us from seeing Jesus clearly.

Jesus drew near and engaged with the two disheartened disciples. Similarly, He welcomes us to Mass as we are and draws near to us.

Once Jesus started the conversation with His disciples, He walked them through "what referred to Him in all the Scriptures" (Luke 24:27). In the Liturgy of the Word, Jesus teaches us. The readings can open our hearts and minds to God's perfect plan, fulfilled in Him.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, our eyes are opened and our faith deepened as Jesus offers Himself to us in Holy Communion! At the end of the Mass, we are sent out to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

At Mass, allow your heart to burn with what you hear Him say to you in the readings and in the homily. Gaze with love upon Christ becoming present as the bread is broken by the priest.

Receive His blessed Body and Blood knowing that He journeys with you and strengthens you until the end of time.

"Jesus, thank you for making Yourself known to me!"



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

Congratulations to

Brewer Hayes Kann

Son of Brandon and Destiney Kann

who was baptized this past Sunday at St. Mary, Guttenberg.

May you grow in the love & wisdom of Jesus Christ!

Join us for **coffee, juice & donuts** after Mass this Sunday in Brinkmann Hall & it is **April Birthday Basket Sunday**-children/youth with April birthdays will receive a special blessing and a gift!

There will be 2nd collection this weekend for the Catholic Daughters of America annual Lifesaver Project. Funds collected will help victims of domestic abuse.

Discernment mtg for Catholic High School in Prairie du Chien. 4/23, 5:30pm; St. Johns Hall, 710 S. Wucouta Ave, Prairie du Chien, WI. Fall 2027 starting with grades 9-10. mcaro@priairiecatholic.org; 608-326-6511

Parish Directory: Please [submit a recent photo](#) or sign up to have a **free professional photo taken: May 6, 5-7pm; May 7, 5-7pm; May 9, 3-5pm or May 10, 10:30am-12:30pm** in the parish center by Deacon Jim. Sign up at church or call Katrina Lowery at (773) 218-6589

Paper forms to update your contact & privacy info are at the back of church.

Mass Counts: Fri 4/10: ?; Sat 4/11: 83
Sun 4/12: 148; Wed 4/15: 32

Mass Schedule: Apr 20 – April 27, 2026

Mon., Apr 20: No Mass Scheduled

Tues., Apr 21: 8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Joe Wille; Lois & Harold Mueller

Wed., Apr 22: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Virginette Frommelt

Thur., Apr 23: 8:30 A.M. Mass—River Living Center, Guttenberg
Matt Family

Fri., Apr 24: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Karen Kennicker & Don Goedken
9:00-9:45 Confessions

Sat., Apr 25: 10:00 A.M. Renewal of Wedding Vows, St. Mary
Cathy & Lee Fisher

Sat., Apr 25: Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Gerald Hoeger & Louis/Amy Matt
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Virginette Frommelt

Sun., Apr 26: 4th Sunday of Easter
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
Connie Taylor(year's mind)

Homily: 3rd Sunday of Easter; The Road to Emmaus

~ Fr. Paul

My dear people of God, one of the most beautiful stories in the gospel is the story of how the risen Lord joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Last Sunday we heard about Thomas the Apostle, and we understood what faith is about. Today the two disciples of Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, show us what hope means. To me, hope means to keep on expecting something even if all the signs around lead me to think that it will never happen.

The two disciples of today’s gospel had been with Jesus for three years. They knew he had been crucified, died and buried. They no longer expected to see him again. Yet Jesus was there walking with them; explaining the scriptures to them and revealing himself to them in the breaking of bread.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Emmaus story is sophisticated Eucharistic catechesis. That is the liturgy of the word, followed by the liturgy of the Eucharist. This is the meaning of Christ’s resurrection. No matter how much darkness and sadness in our life, Christ is always there. There’s hope. This is what Peter in the second reading wrote to the first Christians, “God raised Jesus from the dead so that you would have faith and hope in God.”

My dear people of God, let us imagine if Cleopas and his friend had not invited and engaged the stranger in conversation, and pressed upon him to stay with them, they would have not understood better the scriptures. They wouldn’t have recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. They wouldn’t have known that this stranger who spoke so well about Jesus, was in fact, Jesus himself, and he was the one walking with them.

My dear people of God, it is the same with us today. As we walk on the road of life, often we feel like these two disciples. We are troubled and downcast. There is little hope in our hearts. We don’t see much of a future before us. When we talk to our friends of our problems, the words “frustration and depression” come to our lips. Who will answer them for us. Who will give us back hope? It is the same Jesus who gave back hope to Cleopas and his friend, Jesus of Nazareth. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus invites us to his table. As we leave the church and go back on the road of our daily life, Jesus walks with us and waits to be invited to our table.

My dear people of God, if you wish to have life do what the disciples did. They offered him hospitality. The Lord wanted to continue his journey, but they urged him to stay with them. The Lord revealed himself in the breaking of bread. Hospitality restored to them what lack of faith had taken away. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you wish to recognize the Lord, take the stranger, the poor, blind, beggars, those suffering around us in sharing of bread.

May the All-powerful God in his mercy, inflame our hearts and raise our spirits so that we may journey towards the kingdom of God with renewed hope. May the good Lord richly bless you. Amen.

During the weekend of May 2-3, we will take up the Our Call to Share – Spring collection, a 4-in-1 collection supporting regional and national Catholic ministries. By giving beyond our local parish, we respond to Christ’s call to be as one body – united in faith and mission – throughout the broader Church.

Community Vacation Bible School at St. John’s
June 8—12th; **Registration due April 24;** forms at back of church; volunteers needed, call 563-252-2355

Prayer List: Please join us in praying for: Terry Eglseder, Maria George Family, Pam Wille, Lenny Young, Maria (Frommelt) Somsel, Carol Ryan, Victoria Maas, special intention of Sandy Meyer, Fr. Paul Bormann, Andy Schroeder, Kenny Scherbring, LeRoy Bries, Mick Pierce, Katie Steffen, Howard Hubbell. Contact Betty Evers at 563-252-1666 for additions/changes.



A Stewardship Moment: The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness *still* reveal the presence of God in our midst.

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

- (BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)
- Apr 18/19: Catholic Daughters Lifesaver Campaign
- Apr 19: Coffee/Donuts and April Birthday Basket
- Apr 22: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm
- Apr 24: Registrations due for Community VBS
- Apr 27: Finance Committee Mtg, Noon, PC
Parish Council Mtg, 6:30pm, PC
- Apr 29: (No adoration due to Confirmation)
Confirmation, 6:30pm, St. Mary
- May 3: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am;
Graduate Recognition Mass
- May 5: CDA Mtg, Noon, BH
KC Meeting, 7:30pm

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