

ST. MARY PARISH

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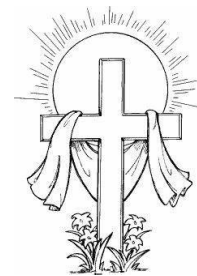
LIVE THE LITURGY:

~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

What a glorious day! It's Easter Sunday, the day of the resurrection. We have just observed Lent and Holy Week. We have walked with Jesus during His passion, stood with Him as He was crucified and died, and now we stand as witnesses of His resurrection on this Easter Sunday.

Miraculous healings were everyday realities in the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus calmed storms, forgave sins, turned water into wine, and multiplied bread and fish to feed thousands. Why then would it be necessary that the stone be rolled away from the tomb? Surely, the Lord could have departed without it being moved. But the stone is not rolled away so that Jesus can come out, but rather so that we might go in. When we enter the tomb and places in our lives where we expect to find nothing but death and destruction, God allows us to see the glory of resurrection hope.

Jesus, Risen Savior, I praise you and I believe in you!



May the light of the risen Christ fill your heart with hope, love and joy, and may you have a blessed Easter Season!

Congratulations to **Fr. Paul Ameyaw** and **Larry Wille** on taking the 4th degree exemplification on April 4 at the KC convention in Dubuque.

The Knights of Columbus are planning a 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree exemplification on Sunday, May 4th at St. Mary after the 10am Mass. Anyone who wants to join the Knights can contact any KC member or Don Scherbring at 563-252-1556.

Catholic Daughters of America will take up a second collection on April 26 and 27 for their annual Lifesaver Project. Funds collected will help victims of domestic abuse.

First Communion

Please keep our communicants in your prayers.



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Immaculate Conception,
N. Buena Vista, 8:30am

Archer William Johnson
Grace Eleanor Ploessl
Madison Mae Willenbring

St. Mary, Guttenberg, 10am

Jaxon Joseph Aulwes
Lucille Eilis Berns
Grayson Joseph Berns
Elsie Mae Bockenstedt
Luna Mae Cole
Emberley Jo Schmelzer
Zachary Lee Schroeder
Rylee Lynn Vonderhaar
Marshall Lawrence Wille
Nora Ann Zebuhr

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." [John 6:51](#)

Mass Schedule: Apr 21 – Apr 27, 2025

Mon. Apr 21: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Apr 22: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Apr 23: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Dec'd of Floyd Westhoff Family

Thur., Apr 24: 8:30 A.M. Mass—River Living Center
Don & Janice Rohner

Fri., Apr 25: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Judy Blattel

Sat., Apr 26: Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Harold & Lois Mueller
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Kay Vogt and Carol Schlueter Family

Sun., Apr 27: Second Sunday of Easter; 1st Communion
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
People of the Parish

Homily, Easter Sunday: Jesus is Risen!

~Fr Paul

Dearly beloved in Christ, Jesus is risen! He is truly risen! This is our glad cry.

Mary goes to the tomb while it is still dark. What she sees in the darkness in an empty tomb and she concludes that someone has stolen the body of Jesus. When I was a seminarian my pastor sent me to lead the Easter Sunday service at one of the most remote mission stations of the parish. I arrived at the village early Easter Sunday morning. To my dismay, only women, children and a few old men were in the church. I asked the whereabouts of the men and was told the chief of the village had ordered them to the bush in search of the lost god. The god which the villagers believed to be the protector of the village had been stolen. When the search team returned, they reported that the lost god had been found, but had been divided into two and the gold inside was taken.

My dear people of God, the resurrection of Jesus is a reality. It is not a fabricated story. Mary Magdalene is the first person to come to the tomb on the day Jesus rose from the dead. Her love for Christ was beyond compare. Tradition says that she is the woman who poured a costly ointment on Jesus’ feet and that her many sins had been forgiven because of her great love. (Lk 7:47)


The apostle John was the first one to reach the tomb, and the first one to believe in the resurrection after he had observed the linen wrappings lying by the tomb. St. Peter in his speech confirmed that Jesus crucified had been raised up from the dead. They killed him, hung him on a tree; only to have God raise him upon the third day and grant that he be seen, not by all but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

My dear people of God, if our love for Christ is great, we too will see a glimpse of his presence in our lives. In the second reading today, St. Paul says that we have received a new life in Christ and for that reason we must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is sitting at God’s right hand.

Dearly beloved in Christ, we must look for ways to make the rule and power of Christ become a reality in the things we do. We must allow him to guide and direct us by his word and inspiration.

The Lord is truly risen! A blessed Easter to all of you!

Stephen Ministers visit St. Mary's members weekly to care and listen when life brings uncertainty or painful changes. If someone you know might benefit from confidential weekly visits, please contact Becky Shaffer at 319-393-1234.



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 18. Monetary donations may also be given. Place your donation and info in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” and place in the collection basket.

A Stewardship Moment
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!

- Upcoming Parish Events . . .**
(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)
 Apr 21: Liturgy Mtg, 9:30am, PC
 Apr 23: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm;
 Apr 27: First Communion
 Apr 28: Finance Committee Mtg, Noon, PC
 Parish Council Mtg, 6:30pm, PC
 Apr 30: Faith Formation Mass, 6pm and Family Potluck
 May 4: KC Exemplification after Mass
 May 5: Liturgy Mtg, 9:30am, PC
 May 7: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

“True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World”

Who: age 4 through the 6th grade

Monday, June 9 through Friday, June 13, 2025, 8am - Noon

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Friday, April 25th

COST:\$10 – payable WITH the Registration form, checks payable to Community VBS. (Register early, spots fill up fast)

Registration forms available at the back of church. Needs: Donations of snacks/treats, as well as volunteers to help organize and run VBS(adults & youth). Call St. John’s Church office (252-2355) if you can help out.

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