

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: MERCY

Pope St John Paul II has beautifully said mercy is “love’s second name.” Sacred Scripture speaks frequently about Christ’s love in terms of mercy: the prodigal son, the lost sheep, the parable of the unforgiving servant...Christ instructs His disciples to love unconditionally by being merciful. (Source: The Family Fully Alive, Building the Domestic Church) When Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room in today’s Gospel, he didn’t reprimand them for hiding out, he said, Peace be with you, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

The universal church celebrates this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. (thedivinemercy.org)

This Easter season, focus on living in the joy of the Resurrection. When you might be tempted to chastise yourself for not getting enough done on your to do list or for being forgetful about something, ask the Holy Spirit to remind you that you are a beloved child of God, whose mercy is constant. When you are annoyed with another driver who cuts you off or by an offhand comment that hurts, ask the Holy Spirit to help you extend mercy and pray for that person. Be intentional about receiving and extending mercy, in the name of our Father who IS mercy. God is good? All the time. All the time? God is good. Peace be with YOU.

First Communion

Sunday, April 24, 2021

Please keep our communicants in your prayers.

Immaculate Conception,

N. Buena Vista, 8:30am

Kaylynn Mitchell
Eleanor Schmidt



St. Mary, Guttenberg, 10am

Colton Arenson, Lane Cherne,
Brody Ender, Callen Geuder,
Madison Greve, Brianna Hefel, Bryden
Hefel, Ila Heidemann, Baylen Ludovissy,
Levi Parker, Elliott Rausch, Lily Westhoff,
Victoria Wilker, & Hazel Zebuhr

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

Life Saver Weekend

Catholic Daughters will have a second collection the weekend of April 23 and 24 for victims of abuse .

Many thanks to the sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, readers, choir, youth ministry, church decorators, Deacon Pfaffly, Fr. Bries, cookie bakers, Easter bunny and all who made Holy Week and Easter special for us and our visitors.

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

Sunday, May 8 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass



Josephine Grace Knipper

daughter of Trevor & Stacia (White) Knipper

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

Mass Schedule: Apr 25 – May 1, 2022

Mon., Apr 25: [No Mass Schedule]

Tues., Apr 26: [No Mass Schedule]

Wed., Apr 27: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg – 7th/8th Grades
Carol Schlueter

Thur., Apr 28: 8:30 A.M – Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Apr 29: [No Mass Schedule]

Sat., Apr 30: Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Angeline Berns
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Charlie Bries

Sun., May 1: Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Jim & Lou Kuempel

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Mercy of God in Superabundance!

What a grace-filled day this is! It is the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter. On this eighth day of Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day when the flood-gates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for.

Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated for years as a private devotion. But in the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, who himself was an extraordinary instrument of God’s mercy, put this feast on the Church’s official calendar as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She died in 1938. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of simple education and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord which she recorded in her diary of Divine Mercy.

She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931: In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, ‘paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.’

Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision: “The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him.”

Jesus spoke again to her of His desire that the Solemnity of Divine Mercy be established: “On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. There is no limit to how much we are loved by our God of perfect mercy. And today, on this the eighth day of Easter, we should especially be aware of the fact that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree. Turn your eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

Lord of Mercy, help me today to begin to understand what mercy is all about. Help me to first be open to the mercy You wish to bestow upon me. As I receive Your own Divine Mercy, help me also to be an instrument of that mercy for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

<p>SMIC Rummage/Bake Sale Apr 29th/30th. Donations of clean usable can be dropped off the week of April 25th. Volunteers needed to setup that week.</p>	<p 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"> • May 18, SMIC Spring Concert, 6pm • May 24, SMIC Talent Show
<p><u>Easter Lily Donations:</u> Thank You! In loving memory of: Richard Goerdt & Dan & Rose Leliefeld Family from Lois Goerdt; Don Evers from Betty Evers; the Johnson -Zoller Families & the Leliefeld-Scheller & Olinger Families from Rick & Phoebe Johnson; the Nuehring Family from Marlene & Ron McLane; Albert & Bernadette Cherne from Kay Cherne; and from Tom & Helene Kuempel; Ray & Rosemary Nitzki.</p>	<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 align="center">A Stewardship Moment</p> <p>“Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, “men and women in great numbers” will be “added to the Lord.”</p>	<p align="center">Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)</p> <p>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> <hr/> <p align="center"><u>From the Choir Director:</u> Thank you for your time and dedication through this Easter Season. ~ Gina Dahlstrom-Osburn</p> <hr/> <p>COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022: “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> <hr/> <p align="center">Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us</p>