

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture.

Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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.

Scam/Phishing Alert

The archdiocese has received reports that parishioners are receiving fraudulent text messages and emails from someone posing as Fr. Bries. The messages are similar to the following. "[Recipient's Name] I need a favor from you, text me as soon as you get this message. God Bless you. [Pastor's Name]"

If the recipient replies, the scammer will ask the recipient to purchase gift cards.

Please know that Fr. Bries is not going to make such requests. If you are in doubt about a message that claims to be from Fr. Bries, please contact the parish office. Thank you.



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

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 Dean Griep

son of Jeremiah & Kayleen [Keehner] Griep

Permission to baptize from pastor of Prince of Peace, Clinton, Iowa

Sunday, May 9 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Zettah Arlene Bries

daughter of Brian & Kelsey (White) Bries

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

Public Mass Schedule: Apr 26 – May 2, 2021

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Apr 26: [No Mass Scheduled], Full Moon

Tues., Apr 27: 8:30 A.M. — St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Vincent & Inez Hoeger

Wed., Apr 28: 8:30 A.M. — St. Mary, Guttenberg, 6th/7th Grade
Loris Kickbush & Ann Olinger

Thur., Apr 29: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Apr 30: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., May 1: VIGIL OF FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
4:00 P.M. — St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Pat Niehaus [Month Mind]
5:30 P.M. — St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Albert 'Chips' & Marie Bieber

Sun., May 2: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 A.M. — Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. — St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Joanne Clark

Mass Readings for April 25, 2021:

Reading I, Acts 4:8-12 : Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Responsorial Psalm, 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 : **R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. **R.** I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **R.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever. **R.**

Reading II, 1 Jn 3:1-2 : Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** [Jn 10:14](#)

Gospel, Jn 10:11-18 : Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Confidence in Princes: Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?” Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to someone with a higher pay grade. But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it. Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective. Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God? “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.” It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does. — 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, 8:30-2pm
June 12: First Reconciliation for Faith Formation 2nd graders,
June 13: First Communion for Faith Formation 2nd graders

SMIC Raffle Winners:

4/14: \$50, John Uhal

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