

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: **The World Is Watching**

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection?

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Upcoming Meeting. . .

There will be a **Parish Council, Finance and Festival meeting on May 15th** after the 10:00 am Mass. Meeting will start at approximately 10:50am. The goal of this meeting is to set the date and location of the auction. The group to save the convent is invited to have one or two spoke persons give an update about the convent.

~ Don Scherbring



Food Shelf Weekend

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for the food pantry at the Family Resource Center in Guttenberg.

"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is available with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church.

Goto: <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>



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: May 2 – May 8, 2022

Mon., May 2: [No Mass Schedule]

Tues., May 3: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Vincent & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

Wed., May 4: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Kindergarten & 1st Grade
"May Crowning" by 8th grade - *Ann Olinger & Annie Ries*

Thur., May 5: 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center –
Leon Berns & 'Pete' Davis

Fri., May 6: [No Mass Schedule]

Sat., May 7: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
People of Parish
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Donna Balk & Sherri Westemeier

Sun., May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Albert & Regina Schlueter

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Going All In!

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. [John 21:7](#)

Peter was all in, literally speaking. This passage above is taken from one of the appearances of Jesus to the Apostles after His Resurrection. They were fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus, from the shore, told them to cast the net off the right side of the boat. When they did this they caught more fish than they could handle. When John realized it was Jesus and said so, Peter could not contain his excitement and jumped into the water to go and meet his Lord.

What a wonderful image this is to reflect upon. Specifically, it’s wonderful to consider the interior excitement of Peter that led him to jump into the water and swim to the shore. His excitement could not be contained.

Would you jump into a lake to go to our Lord? That may seem like an unusual question but it’s worth considering in a literal way. If you encountered our resurrected Lord, would you be so excited to see Him that you would be compelled to enter into His presence, even if it meant you had to jump into a lake? This action of Peter should be seen as a symbolic gesture for our own spiritual lives. The fact that Peter did not hesitate reveals how we should react when we encounter Jesus.

Obviously we do not encounter Jesus in His resurrected form in the way Peter did in this passage, literally and physically. But we do encounter Him every day, if we only have eyes to see. He is alive within our own hearts through prayer and by His indwelling presence. He is truly present in the people we meet every day. And He is most certainly present in the Sacraments, especially the Most Holy Eucharist.

There are two questions you should consider regarding this passage. The first is whether or not you actually do perceive Jesus’ presence throughout the day. Peter did not recognize Him at first, even though Jesus spoke to him and the others in the boat. It took the miracle for them to recognize it was Him. The second question is how you react to His presence when you do perceive Him. Are you indifferent? Do you lack enthusiasm? Or are you filled with much joy?

Reflect, today, upon these two questions and resolve to become more attentive to the presence of our Lord every day, throughout the day. Resolve, also, to react as Peter did when you see Jesus. Let your heart and passion be drawn to Him and react with extraordinary joy and enthusiasm. Don’t be afraid to go all in for our Lord!

Lord, help me to see You, alive in my life, alive in the lives of others, and alive in Your Church, especially in the Most Holy Eucharist. So often I am blind to Your divine presence all around me. Help me to see You every day. Help me also to respond with much joy and enthusiasm to Your divine presence. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.
source: mycatholiclife.com

SMIC School is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2022/2023 school year: **Elementary Teacher & Middle School Teacher.** Submit resume to eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

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.

Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)

Upcoming Events:

- May 18, SMIC Spring Concert, 6pm
- May 24, SMIC Talent Show
- May 25, PPA Meeting, 5:30pm Middle School

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Scrip Sales — ongoing
- Coming Soon — Calendar Raffle

Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469

The crafting ladies are selling their inventory of craft supplies—ribbons, fall, Christmas items, garlands, wreaths, etc. For more information please contact Margie Deutmeyer 563-252-1569

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

- May 3: Catholic Daughters, Noon, BH
KC Meeting, 7:30pm, BH
- May 6: Mother/Daughter/Friend Community Tea, 6pm St. John’s
- May 11: Confirmation, 6:30pm
- May 15: Parish Council, Finance, Festival Meeting, 10:50am, BH
- May 29: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Breakfast

 During the month of May, decorated crosses for Memorial Day will be for sale after the 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the back of church

A Stewardship Moment
In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, “If you love Me, feed my sheep.” He says the same to each of us, “If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters”

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us