

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jim Schlueter, Marvin Althoff, Joe Althoff, Jeff Burr, Don Shaffer and Fr. Bries for removing and cementing various sidewalks sections in front of the church and rectory.

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



Fall Fundraiser Information

Silent Auction: Donations of new or hand crafted items for the silent auction will be accepted through August 22nd. Bidding in person and online will start August 27th and continue through Sept 11 at 12:00 noon.

* Looking for donations of baskets/gift baskets for silent auction.

* Looking for volunteers to help staff the silent auction on weekends.

Cash Raffle/Donations: For the drawing, each \$100 will buy a ticket for the chance to win four cash prizes of \$500 each. The drawing will take place Sept. 11, after the 10:00 am Mass. Tickets can be purchased now or donations made (*make checks out to St. Mary Fall Festival and indicate Tickets or Donation*).



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

Sunday, August 14 at St. Mary, Guttenberg during Mass

Emma Francis Wille

infant daughter of Jacob & Hannah [Vonhandorf] Wille

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

Mass Schedule: August 8 – August 14, 2022

Mon., Aug 8: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Aug 9: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Vince & Inez Hoeger/Amy Hoeger

Wed., Aug 10: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Sally Weiskamp

Thur., Aug 11: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Aug 12: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Aug 13: Vigil of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Sharon Berns

5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Albert & Regina Schlueter

Sun., Aug 14: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Arthur Herman & Mary Lee Green

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The “Little Flock”

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” [Luke 12:32](#)

This short statement from Jesus reveals three things to us.

First of all, we hear Jesus offer the familiar reminder that we ought not allow fear to take hold of our lives. There are so many things in life that can have the effect of causing fear, worry, anxiety and the like. Overcoming fear is a matter of humility, in that humility enables us to turn our eyes from ourselves and the problems we face and to put our eyes upon our Lord. When we put our eyes on Him, fear dissipates and trust takes its place.

Second, this is also a very tender statement from Jesus in that He calls His disciples, and all of us, His “little flock.” This is a term of endearment and reveals our Lord’s gentle and compassionate heart. This term of endearment reveals not only that we belong to Jesus, it also reveals how His love for us is intimate and heartfelt. If we understand this love of His we will be compelled to love Him back with the same depth of intimacy.

Lastly, this line points us to the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven. The Father, whom we must trust and with whom we must have an intimate relationship, invites us to share in His most glorious Kingdom. His Kingdom becomes ours, and when we can see and understand how glorious this calling is, we will be filled with hope and excitement as we seek to obtain it.

Reflect, today, upon the heartfelt invitation of our compassionate Lord Jesus to put your eyes upon His Kingdom. As you do so, allow this revelation to cast out fear from your life, strengthening you to overcome that burden. Put your trust in God and allow Him to transform you.

My Divine Shepherd, I accept Your invitation to put my trust in You. Please free me from the many fears that I am tempted with in life. Help me to have confidence in You and Your grace as I seek to put my eyes on the glory of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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 <p>MATTHEW <i>The King and His Kingdom</i></p> <p>24 Session Scripture Study by Jeff Cavins</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday Mornings, 8:30am or Thursday Evenings, 6:30pm Starting 9/27 & 9/29 in Brinkmann Hall (6 sessions this fall; next 6 sessions start Feb 2023, completion Spring 2024)</p> <p>Cost \$30.00. Information sheets in the entry way of church. Call Jerry Balk at 563-252-2361 or 563-580-4539 for more information and to sign up. Please sign up soon so study books can be purchased and distributed prior to first session.</p>	<p><u>PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES & FATIMA:</u> Come along April 24 - May 4, 2023, to some truly beautiful and sacred places! We'll visit both of the great Shrines to Mary, Lourdes in Southern France and Fatima in Portugal, and many wonderful places in Spain. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,899 with departure from Omaha. Contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenthe@gmail.com</p>
<p>SMIC School is seeking: Elementary Teacher Middle School Teacher Classroom Associates/Para-educators</p> <p>Submit resume to ajones@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us</p>	<p><u>Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)</u></p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 18, 5-7pm, School open house and taco supper, Everyone is welcome! Greet the teachers and principal and tour the school. <p>Fundraisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle -\$20 Tickets available from any SMIC student or at the school office. \$5000 total payout; \$50-\$1000 prizes; weekly draws Sep-Dec • Scrip Sales — ongoing at Peoples State Bank or online • Amazon Smile — ongoing; <p>Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469</p>
<p>A Stewardship Moment</p> <p>In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to <i>do</i> something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of his spiritual gift, he was instructed to <i>be still</i>, to <i>listen</i> to Jesus, and to <i>wait</i> for His direction. Good advice for us, too!</p>	<p>Buenie Family Picnic, Sunday, September 4, 2022</p> <p>Chicken and Ham Dinner, Country Store, Silent Auction, Kids Games, Meat Wheel. Fun and Games for the Entire Family!</p> <p>Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)</p> <p>Aug 19/20: KC’s working the Bender’s Foods Cookout; 11am-6pm Aug 22: Silent Auction Donations due Aug 23: 1st Day of School for the 2022/2023 year Aug 27-Sept 11: Silent Auction Bidding, before/after Masses Sept 11: Fall Fundraiser Drawing; Four \$500 prizes to be given out</p> <p>Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us</p>

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