

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers.

Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love. ©LPi

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Purchase tickets(\$100ea) for a chance to win one of four \$500 prizes or make donations:

*online at [https://](https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/)

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* put money in an envelope in the weekend collection marked **Festival-Tickets or Festival—Donation**, or *send money to St Mary Church, PO Box 847; Guttenberg, IA 52052

(make checks out to St. Mary Fall Festival and mark Tickets or Donation)

Our current balance is at **\$7690**; goal is \$26,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Silent Auction Items Needed! Please bring silent auction items to Brinkmann Hall no later than Wednesday, Sept 1 at 10:00am Asking for new items, handcrafted items, or anything you feel would do well in an auction. When bringing them in please include your name; description of the item and the starting bid. Questions? Call Sue Bahls 252-3253.

“**SCRIPTURE STUDY**” resumes on Sept 28, 8:30 AM and Sept 30, 6:30 PM, starting with Session #10 of The Bible Timeline, “**The Story of Salvation.**” Brinkmann Hall. Jerry Balk, 252-2361.

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

Saturday, August, 14 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo after Mass, [Deacon Pfaffly]

Oakley Macoy Schroeder

son of Andrew & Samantha (Huntley) Schroeder

Sunday, Aug. 15 at Immaculate Conception after Mass, [Deacon Pfaffly]

Gage Andrew Ludovissy

son of Andrew & Brittini (Borgerding) Ludovissy

Sunday, Aug. 15 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass, [Fr. Bries]

Lucy Joy Walz

daughter of Jared & Chelsea (Zumbach)Walz

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



Public Mass Schedule: Aug 9– Aug 15, 2021

Mon., Aug 9: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Aug 10: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
“Feast of St. Lawrence” – *Barb Mohning (CDA)*

Wed., Aug 11: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
“Feast of St. Clare” – *Ann Olinger & Shirley Kann*

Thur., Aug 12: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Sacrament of Anointing during Mass
Harold Mueller & Owen Kann

Fri., Aug 13: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Aug 14: Vigil of Feast of the Assumption of BVM
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Henry Mueller [Month's Mind]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Leon Green & Verna Greenwood

Sun., Aug 15: Feast of the Assumption of BVM
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Interior Murmuring

The Jews murmured about Jesus...Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." [John 6:41&43](#)

Jesus was the object of gossip, ridicule, belittlement, etc. They "murmured" about Him. What a silly thing for the people to do.

In the passage above, Jesus was giving one of His most glorious and profound teachings. He was continuing His teaching on the Most Holy Eucharist, the Gift of His Body and Blood as the Bread of Life. He said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." And upon hearing this teaching, they murmured about Him.

Again, what a silly thing for many to do at that time. But sadly this same thing still happens in a variety of ways today. Every Sunday (and every day if we are able) we are given the opportunity to consume the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Messiah, the King of all Kings, the Savior of the World, the Creator, Omnipotent and Glorious God! Yet, what do so many of us do? We come to Mass disinterested, distracted, and more concerned about what we will be doing later in the day than what we are doing at the Holy Mass.

This is a sad truth that needs to be corrected. "If we but understood the gift of the Holy Mass we would die instantly out of love," said St. John Vianney. Do you understand the Mass?

Murmuring about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist does not necessarily have to be only something we say out loud. We "murmur" about Jesus interiorly when we fail to understand, accept and enter into this glorious gift. Murmuring is the same as lacking a complete conviction and embrace of this gift. Perhaps we do not murmur externally with our words, but we may find we murmur interiorly in the sense that we lack interest in this Precious Gift.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not your heart is fully engaged with the Holy Eucharist. When you think about going to Mass, are you overwhelmed with joy and a deep spiritual longing? Or do you look at it as an obligation you need to fulfill? If it is more of an obligation you need to fulfill, then you may have more of an interior "murmuring" than you realize.

Lord, help me to see You in the Holy Mass. Help me to long for You in the Most Holy Eucharist. May I never lack proper faith and devotion. May I always be filled with a deep love for You, present in this Sacred Gift! Jesus, I trust in You.
source: mycatholiclife.com

Fun Facts for Catholic Kids of ALL Ages: Have you ever felt like you wanted to run away from a situation?

Over the past two weeks we have heard how God feeds his people and takes care of their needs. Today we hear the story about the prophet Elijah, who lay weak with hunger feeling totally hopeless, until God saved him. Kings 19:18

Why did Elijah feel so fed up? He had argued with King Ahab and upset him, and he believed that the king might have him killed. Elijah's life was in danger, so he set off into the wilderness where no one could find him. He left in a panic to escape from the King's soldiers. He wasn't prepared for such a journey through the desert, and he carried little food or water. It didn't take long for him to feel hungry, thirsty, and very tired. Source: The Complete Children's Liturgy Book

What made Elijah feel better and lift his spirits? God saw that Elijah needed something to eat and drink. He knew that after a nourishing meal Elijah would feel much better and would be able to carry on. God sees when WE are in trouble or great need, and always sends his spirit to help us and to give us strength. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus gives us the gift of himself, the Bread of Life. In this way, he becomes a part of us and helps us to become one with him.

Have you ever felt like you wanted to run away from a situation? Can you imagine setting off on a trip without packing food or water? As a family, talk about the times you have felt really hungry. Talk about a time when God provided something you needed. Ask God to feed and take care of your family's needs.

<p>St. Mary's Parish Life will be running the Cookout at Benders Foods, Aug. 13 & 14.</p>	<p>Upcoming Parish Events Aug 13, 14: Parish Life Cookout at Benders Foods, 11am-6pm Aug 20, 21: KC Cookout at Benders Foods, 11am-6pm</p>
<p>The Rosary will be prayed at 5:10 PM on Saturdays and 9:40 AM on Sundays!</p>	<p>Sept 1: Silent Auction items due by 10:00am in Brinkmann Hall Sept 5-19: St. Mary Parish Silent Auction, Brinkmann Hall Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass Sept 19: Silent Auction bidding closes at Noon.</p>
<p>A Stewardship Moment The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest, and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?</p>	<p>Area Events . . . Aug 29: Holy Trinity Church Fundraiser, Church of Cash, World Class Johnny Cash Tribute, 2:30pm Concert. Tickets at Ungs Shopping Center, Luxemburg</p> <hr/> <p>Volunteers are needed to staff the Silent Auction for 1 hour after Masses on the weekends of Sept 4/5; Sept 11/12 and Sept 18/19. Please contact Sue Bahls if you can help out. 252-3253.</p>