

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures. ©LPI

Fall Festival Fundraiser

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

*online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

* 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 **\$8490**; 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.

No prayer I offer can measure that which the Blessed Mother spoke in her Magnificat, so today, I pray with her words: May my soul too proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and may I always rejoice in God my Savior.

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

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

**Gage Andrew Ludovissky**

son of Andrew & Brittini (Borgerding) Ludovissky

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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 16– Aug 22, 2021

Mon., Aug 16: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Aug 17: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Rita Eulberg & Kayleen Neylan

Wed., Aug 18: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Annie Ries & Gladys Hebert

Thur., Aug 19: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Cancelled due to Covid-19 outbreak, lockdown for time being

Fri., Aug 20: [No Mass Scheduled], St. Bernard

Sat., Aug 21: Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Eileen Walz & Edna Rausch
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Lenz & Hilda Tujetsch & Gene Tujetsch

Sun., Aug 22: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Joanne Clark & Leon Green

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Assumption of the Mother of God

Today we celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. Today's celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she never experienced death. Instead, at that glorious moment, she was singly privileged to be taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she is the only person, other than Jesus, who retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God.

Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary's Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Again, this is a consequence of sin. But since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, then she not only did not experience death, she could not. Death had no power over one who was without sin.

The Gospel passage, Luke 1:46–49 comes from the beginning of Mary's song of praise, her *Magnificat*, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." She is the one for whom "the Almighty has done great things." She is the one who will eternally proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, never experienced death, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven!

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.

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St. Mary's Parish Life will be running the Cookout at Benders Foods, Aug. 13 & 14 and the KCs on Aug. 20 & 21.	Upcoming Parish Events . . . Aug 13, 14: Parish Life Cookout at Benders Foods, 11am-6pm Aug 20, 21: KC Cookout at Benders Foods, 11am-6pm Sept 1: Silent Auction items due by 10:00am in Brinkmann Hall Sept 5-19: St. Mary Parish Silent Auction, Brinkmann Hall Sept 7: CDA Mtg, Noon at St. Patrick's in Monona Sept 7: KC Meeting, 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass Sept 19: Silent Auction bidding closes at Noon. Area Events . . . Aug 29: Holy Trinity Church Fundraiser, Church of Cash, World Class Johnny Cash Tribute, 2:30pm Concert. Tickets at Ungs Shopping Center, Luxemberg
A Stewardship Moment "After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship...She was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as 'handmaid' in terms of service and fidelity." (U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response)	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.