

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Who do YOU SAY that I am?

In these times of struggle and uncertainty people need reassurance. Are you giving it to them?

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us on our outward expression of our belief in him when he asks ..... "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

It's easy to talk about Christ when times are good, but it's even more important to speak Christ's love into people's lives when times are hard. Are you talking about God's love to people? Are you verbally advancing his kingdom? Are you encouraging others by speaking about your belief in Jesus?

What will your answers be to the above questions when Jesus asks you ... "But who do you say that I am?"

Will it be that you are telling people about the goodness of God, that you are being his hand in this world, that you are sharing his love with others?

Dear God ... Now more than ever, give us the words and courage to speak your truth to others in order to draw them closer to you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

### Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

**Sunday, Aug 23, 10 AM**

**Sunday, Aug 30, 10 AM**

### Fall Festival Update:

Fall Festival Fundraiser

We have collected **\$13095** toward our goal of \$26,000. The drawing will be held Sunday, September 13.

The Silent Auction will run from **Saturday, August 29th to Sunday September 20th.** Saturdays it will be open from 5-7pm and Sundays from 9:30am -Noon.

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the silent auction and for donations.

There is a signup sheet in the reconciliation room or contact Anna Moser at 563-880-1176 or email [annacpa@alpinecom.net](mailto:annacpa@alpinecom.net).

Thank you for your donation of money and/or time.



GOAL: \$26,000

### **Public Mass Schedule: Aug 24 – Aug 30, 2020**

**Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged**

**Mon., Aug 24:** [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Bartholomew"

**Tues., Aug 25:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Amy Hoeger/Vincent & Inez Hoeger*

**Wed., Aug 26:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
**Opening School Mass—7th Grade**  
*Janice Ulbrich*

**Thur., Aug 27:** [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Monica"

**Fri., Aug 28:** [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Augustine"

**Sat., Aug 29:** VIGIL OF TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN TIME  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Kann/Berns Families*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Robert & Joan Goedken*

**Sun., Aug 30:** TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN TIME  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
*People of the Parish*  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,  
*Jackie Spielbauer & Family*

O Lord, You are the light that guides my feet. You are the map that gives me direction. You are the peace that makes me strong. You are the leader whom I faithfully follow. May your light illuminate my life and your guidance bring direction. May I find inspiration in your word and peace in my heart as I follow you. Amen.

**Mass Readings for August 23, 2020:**

**Reading 1: IS 22:19-23**

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8**

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple. /R/

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. /R/

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. /R/

**Reading II: ROM 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord*

*or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.** You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel: MT 16:13-20**

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**Confirmation, September 19 and 20**

Due to the current conditions brought on by COVID-19, Archbishop Jakels has given each parish the authority to confirm all youth in grades 8-12, and any adult wishing to be confirmed. This is a unique opportunity as the Archbishop is typically the only member of the clergy that has the authority to perform the Sacrament of Confirmation. A preparation retreat will be held on September 12 and 13 with Confirmation taking place the following weekend. Letters have been sent out to parents. Please register by calling the rectory: 563-252-1247.

- \* New LED lighting has been install in the church.
- \* Plan on supporting the Knights of Columbus at the Bender's cookout this weekend: Friday and Saturday 11am—6pm. Proceeds will go toward repairing the handicap ramp.



**Upcoming Events . . . .**

**Aug: 21/22:** KC Cookout at Bender's Foods, proceeds will go toward repairing the handicap ramp.

**Aug 29—Sep 20:** After Weekend Masses: Silent Auction Open in Brinkmann Hall

**Sept 1:** CDA Mtg, 1:30pm, Brinkmann Hall

**Sept 5/6:** Food Shelf Weekend

**Sept 12/13:** Confirmation Retreat

**Sept 13:** Fall Festival Drawing

**Sept 19/20:** KC Tootsie Roll Drive

**Sept 19/20:** Confirmation

What happens once in a minute, twice in a moment but never in a thousand years?  
(the letter m)

If you have information for the bulletin/newsletter, please notify the parish office by Tuesday evening to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us