

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful." But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Saturday, Feb 5 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

#### Braven James Kann

son of Brandon & Destiney (Larson) Kann

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

Grant me, oh Lord my God, the grace not to faint either in prosperity or adversity, that I not be unduly lifted up by the one, nor unduly cast down by the other.

excerpt from "A prayer to obtain the grace of a devout life," *The Raccolta*

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast  
Drive-thru and Limited indoor seating available; St. Mary Church

**Sunday, Feb 13th, 8:00am—11:30am**

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation. Proceeds to the Handicap Ramp Fund



**ATTENTION** —The Archdiocese of Dubuque is doing a survey in regards to the future of many smaller parishes. If you did not get a survey in the mail, they are available at the rectory in Guttenberg or if you have a computer you can get the survey on line at [www.dbqarch.org/survey](http://www.dbqarch.org/survey). May sure you list all that your parish does for the poor and for the people who are part of parish programs that help you grow in your Catholic Faith. Each weekend in February will be a special homily from Archbishop Jackels. Surveys are due by March 1, 2022.

### Mass Schedule: Feb 7 – Feb 13, 2022

**Mon., Feb 7:** [No Mass Schedule]

**Tues., Feb 8:** – [No weekday Masses at Garnavillo during the Winter season]

**Wed., Feb 9:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 7th/8th Grade  
*Albert Sr. & Regina Schlueter*

**Thur., Feb 10:** 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center  
"St. Scholastica" – *People of the Parish*

**Fri., Feb 11:** [No Mass Scheduled], "Our Lady of Lourdes"

**Sat., Feb 12:** Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Betty Berns & Sally [Brown] Bell*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Albert 'Chips' & Marie Bieber*  
*Verna Greenwood*

**Sun., Feb 13:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Church Time  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**  
*Fritz/ Rosemary/John/Joe Kann*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Deep Waters of Faith

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” [Luke 5:4](#)

It’s interesting to note that Jesus did not simply tell Peter and the Apostles to put out into the water; rather, He told them to put out into the “deep water.” This is significant.

At the close of the great jubilee year of 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter, *Novo Millennio Ineunte* in which he began by quoting this Gospel passage. This passage set the tone for the rest of his letter in which he called for a new evangelization for the coming millennium.

“Put out into the deep!” What should we take from this? What should we hear Jesus speaking to us? We should hear Him calling us to “lower our nets” in a tireless and committed way so as to draw many others to the Gospel. When Peter and the Apostles did this in the boat, they caught so many fish that their nets were tearing and they were greatly astonished. This is a prophetic action given to us to tell us that we must evangelize with the utmost enthusiasm and zeal, searching far and wide for God’s lost sheep.

The world we live in can be brutal at times. So many people are lost and confused. Sin is rampant and despair is prevalent. Our world is in desperate need of a Savior and we are the ones Jesus desires to use to gather a huge catch and to find those in greatest need. Jesus desired the Apostles to catch the fish that were in the deep waters as a way of saying that there are countless souls in our world who are far from God. There are many people “swimming” in an ocean of confusion and pain. It is these people, in particular, that Jesus wants to draw in. It’s our responsibility to heed the command of our Lord and to seek them out.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Jesus: “Put out into the deep water.” In what way is Jesus asking this of you? How is it that He is calling you to go out of your comfort zone and “lower your nets?” What is it that He wants of you and how does He desire to use you to further the mission of evangelization. Heed His command and you, too, will be amazed at the good fruit that is born!

*Lord of infinite mercy, I desire to give myself to You for Your service and glory. I desire to go forth, at Your command, looking for the souls in most need of Your abundant mercy. Give me the grace I need to be faithful to the calling You have given to me so that Your loving mercy will reach those most in need. Jesus, I trust in You.*

source: [mycatholiclife.com](#)

On Feb 20th, the **Parish Life Committee** will be presenting the movie, **An Interview with God**, in Brinkmann Hall, after the 10:00 AM Mass with a **FREE** light luncheon prior to the movie. Movie will start at approximately 11:30.

**Movie Summary:** After covering the war in Afghanistan, journalist Paul Asher returns home to find his life falling apart. With his marriage near collapse, he's in the grips of a personal crisis he's struggling to understand. But the young reporter's life takes a strange turn when he is offered the opportunity of a lifetime — an interview with a mysterious man claiming to be God. *An Interview with God* is a thought-provoking film that connects conflicts of faith to the miracles that can occur when we are confronted with a living hope.

### A Stewardship Moment

In today’s readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send?” Am I prepared to answer “Here I am. Send me!”?

SMIC School is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2022/2023 school year

**Principal**  
**Teachers:**  
**Elementary**  
**Middle School**  
**Art/Music**

Send resume to [eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us)

Please share this info and if you know of someone, encourage them to apply!

### Upcoming Parish Events . . . .

Feb 3: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall  
Feb 8: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall  
Feb 9: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall  
Feb 10: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall  
Feb 13: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30 am  
Feb 20: Parish Movie: “An Interview with God” after 10:00am Mass  
Feb 27: Festival Meeting after 10:00am Mass  
Mar 2: Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins  
Mar 4: World Day of Prayer, 1pm, St. Mary Church

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: [churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us)

On **Sunday Feb 27** the KCs will hold a new member exemplification ceremony.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. If you would like more information about membership, please call Robert Kies at 563-542-3274. Those wishing to join and any 1<sup>st</sup> degree members wishing to become 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members should be at St Mary Church at 9 am. The ceremony will begin at 9:20. All are welcome to attend.

Ramp replacement fund sits at **\$34,886**.

### Upcoming breakfast dates:

February 13: Proceeds to ramp fund  
March 13: Proceeds to ramp fund  
April 3: Proceeds go to SMIC School