

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Lent starts on Wednesday!

Ash Wednesday is the start of the forty-plus days of our prayer journey to Easter. One of the most popular Lenten devotions are the prayers for the “Way of the Cross” which we will be saying before every weekend Mass beginning on February 20.

The exercise of the “Way of the Cross” represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should practice this devotion placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude.

My God; Permit us to accompany You on this journey. You go to die for love of us; we want, our beloved Redeemer, to die for love of You. Our Jesus, strengthen us so we will live and die always united to you.
(Many of the above statements are taken directly from “The Way of the Cross” as composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori and published by Barton Cotton for Congregational Devotions.)

Fr. Marvin Bries

The Youth Ministry Group would like to invite you to a Soup and Bread Supper in Brinkmann Hall on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Free will offering to support Youth Ministry program.

The **DAILY REFLECTIONS for LENT** booklets, ‘**Not by Bread Alone 2021,**’ are now available at the entryways of church.

“**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**” will be prayed during the Lenten Season at every weekend Mass, 15-20 minutes before the start of Mass, beginning on February 20. Please pickup a booklet in the entryway and keep this as your own personal booklet for your future use. The “Way of the Cross” will be live streamed for all the Sundays in the Lenten season.

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of holy love.

I asked Him for sincere and selfless love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord Jesus to give you
His same love that knows no end.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Public Mass Schedule: Feb 15 – Feb 21, 2021

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Feb 15: [No Mass Scheduled], No School

Tues., Feb 16: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Feb 17: **Ash Wednesday**, Day of Fast & Abstinence, no meat
8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 2nd Grade
Charles Bries

4:00 p.m. – Garnavillo, *Marion Moses*
Live Streamed 6:30 p.m.—St. Mary, Guttenberg – Youth Ministry
(para-liturgical service with ashes & communion)
(Soup available in parish hall)

Thur., Feb 18: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Feb 19: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Feb 20: VIGIL OF SIXTH SUNDAY IN TIME
3:45 P.M. - Garnavillo - Way of the Cross
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo - Mass
People of the Parish
5:15 P.M.— Guttenberg, Way of the Cross
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *John DeMuth*

Sun., Feb 21: SIXTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:15 A. M. - N. Buena Vista –Way of the Cross
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista,
Mass with ashes after homily, *Steve Hefel*

Live Streamed 9:45 A.M., Guttenberg -Way of the Cross

Live Streamed 10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass

Cyrenus Elsinger

Mass Readings for February 14, 2021:

Reading I, [Lv 13:1-2, 44-46](#): The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. “The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Responsorial Psalm, [Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11](#) : **R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. **R.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,” and you took away the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart. **R.**

Reading II, [1 Cor 10:31—11:1](#) : Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia. A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [Lk 7:16](#)

Gospel, [Mk 1:40-45](#) : A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Lenten Resources/Ideas:

- * Lenten Calendar for Children. Goto www.thekidsbulletin.com
- * Best Lent Ever free daily email/video reflections at www.dynamiccatholic.com
- * **Be a “Secret Simon” of Cyrene:** Put the names of all the members of your family into a bag. Each week during Lent, have everyone draw a name and keep it a secret. Every day that week, try to do something kind for that person, without letting him or her know who did it. One day you might write a note of encouragement before a test, or another day secretly perform a household chore. Try to keep one another’s secrets for the week, even if you catch on. Then, at the end of the week, you can each try to guess who your “secret Simon” was.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God’s vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God’s vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world’s dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 14:** 10 AM Mass aired on Channel 6 and FB
- Feb 17:** Ash Wednesday, 6:30 pm services aired on Channel 6 and FB
- Feb 21:** 9:40AM Way of the Cross & 10 AM Mass; both aired on FB



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

Sunday, Feb 14 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Evelyn Pamela Wille

daughter of Jeff & Samantha [Meyer] Wille

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

St. Joseph’s in Garnavillo **will not** be having Lenten Fish Fries this year.