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Join us for your Best Lent Ever!

(It starts in 1 ½ weeks on Ash Wednesday February 17)

Everybody's Got a Hungry Soul

Unless you are praying every day, your soul is hungry. You can never be your truest, best, most amazing self with a hungry soul. This weekend's scripture readings are a perfect example of how this relates to our life.

- In the First Reading, Job's soul is hungry as he complains about his life. What about your life?
- The Responsorial Psalm wants us to feed our soul by praising the Lord. Are you regularly praising God?
- The Second Reading talks about when our soul is fed, we become different. Are you energized for Christ?
- The Gospel tells us how Jesus fed His soul by praying. Shouldn't we strive to be like Jesus?

Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever program will feed your soul with FREE daily email/video reflections.

Here's How: A. Sign up at BestLentEver.com and get a daily email/video reflection and encouragement.

B. Optional Resource - Purchase the 2021 Best Lent Ever Journal to help guide you through these 40 days of Lent and document what your soul truly hungers for. Order it at DynamicCatholic.com.

Price = \$14.95 – 20% Discount (Limited time offer) = \$11.96

Dear Lord: Touch our people's hearts.

Help us to recognize the hunger in our soul and to feed our soul this Lent, satisfying it and changing us to be new people. People more like you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

"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 21. Please pickup a booklet in the entryway and keep this as your own personal booklet for your future use.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL: weekend of **Feb 6-7**. 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget is your individual contributions. As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Please send your contribution **directly to Catholic Charities**, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001. They will send you a personal "thank you."

The KCs wish to thank everyone for supporting our last breakfast.

- Meals served: 181
 - Breakfast gross sales: \$2,039
 - Breakfast costs: \$453
 - Breakfast profit to Ramp Fund: \$1,586
- We currently have \$18,430 in the Ramp Fund.



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

Sunday, Feb 7 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Ayven Victoria Kann

daughter of Rich & Haylee [Bockenstedt] Kann

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

Public Mass Schedule: Feb 8 – Feb 14, 2021

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Feb 8: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Feb 9: 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo, *Amy Hoeger*

Wed., Feb 10: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 4th/5th Grades
"St. Scholastica" – Fred Bush

Thur., Feb 11: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Feb 12: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Feb 13: VIGIL OF SIXTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Marion Moses [Month Mind]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Sun., Feb 14: SIXTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Tony Schissel

Mass Readings for February 7, 2021:

Reading I, [Jb 7:1-4, 6-7](#): Job spoke, saying: Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, “When shall I arise?” then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

Responsorial Psalm, [Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](#) : R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers. **R.**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name. **R.** Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground. **R.**

Reading II, [1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23](#) : Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [Mt 8:17](#)

Gospel, [Mk 1:29-39](#) : On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, “Everyone is looking for you.” He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

National Marriage Week, February 7-14.
This year’s theme is To Have, To Hold, and To Honor, a reminder of the promises made on your wedding day. Take the couples’s challenge to EAT, TALK, and PLAY together this week and observe how it can strengthen your marriage!
Lord, help me be a better version of myself for my partner so our marriage can grow stronger. Teach me how to be what my loved one needs during each chapter we go through together. Amen

Ash Wednesday Services, Feb 17
Day of Fast & Abstinence
8:30 a.m. – Guttenberg – 2nd Grade
4:00 p.m. – Garnavillo
6:30 p.m. Guttenberg – Youth Ministry
(para-liturgical service with ashes & communion)
Sun., Feb. 21 – distribution of ashes before
8:30 a.m. Mass at N. Buena Vista

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it’s intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus’ hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God’s healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

SMIC Cash Raffle Fundraiser:
Tickets will be sold until the last drawing in May. Multiple chances to win!
1/27 - \$50, Julie White
2/3—\$100,
2/10—\$500

The **DAILY REFLECTIONS for LENT** booklets, ‘**Not by Bread Alone 2021,**’ are now available at the entryways of church. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 17.

Upcoming Events
Feb 7: 10 AM Mass aired on Channel 6 and FB
Feb 14: 10 AM Mass aired on Channel 6 and FB
Feb 17: Ash Wednesday
Feb 21: 10 AM Mass aired on FB