

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

As the Church celebrates the [Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord](#), the Body of Christ is invited to not only reflect on the event of Jesus' Baptism, but also to reflect on the mystery of our own Baptism.

The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is marked by His baptism. Jesus, standing among sinners though free from all sin Himself, was baptized by John. In sanctifying the waters of the Jordan as the "Beloved Son" and giving them power in the Holy Spirit, Jesus moved from those waters and into His public ministry. We too, in recalling our own baptism, are to be reminded and moved from the water of baptism into true discipleship through our daily lives.

There are five fruits of Baptism. As the Baptized, we can look at these "fruits" and "graces" to recommit ourselves to the core of our lives, that is, becoming, being, and living as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

1. In Baptism, all sin (both original and personal) is forgiven.
2. Baptism makes us a new creature, that is, a Child of God, member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit.
3. Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church.
4. Baptism brings us into communion with Christians.
5. Baptism configures us to Christ, claims us as Christ's own, and indelibly marks us.

Jesus' public ministry didn't stop at the waters of the Jordan. Rather, he moved from the waters into His public ministry. He lived in and confronted the very time He entered into human flesh. He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom, cured disease among all people, cast out demons, taught the truth, and brought unity (in the truth) to a divided people in a very specific time.

Like Jesus, on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we are reminded that we too truly are called to recommit ourselves to our Christian identity. We are called to move from the water to life in the Spirit each and every day of our lives. *Jesus lead me forward.*

source: [catholic-link.org](http://catholic-link.org)

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Drive-thru and Limited indoor seating available; St. Mary Church
 <b>Sunday, Jan 9th</b> 8:00am—11:30am Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls Free will donation. Proceeds to the Handicap Ramp Fund

On January 16, the **Parish Life Committee** will be presenting the movie, **A QUESTION OF FAITH**, 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. **A brief description of the movie:** Three families find themselves at a crossroads, questioning their faith and the God that guides their lives. As each family member deals with their issues, their worlds start to intertwine. This leads to a chain of events, which unknowingly brings the three families closer and closer together. Will the families give in to the loss, pain, and uncertainty that has shattered their lives, or will they find the tie that binds them all together through hope, trust, redemption, and goodwill?

<b>Mass Schedule: Jan. 10 – Jan. 16, 2021</b>	
<b>Mon., Jan 10:</b>	[No Mass Scheduled]
<b>Tues., Jan 11:</b>	8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo <i>Martin &amp; Rube Eilers &amp; Family</i>
<b>Wed., Jan 12:</b>	8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg - 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Ann Olinger &amp; Kathleen Bockenstedt</i>
<b>Thur., Jan 13:</b>	8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center <i>Harold Mueller &amp; Anthony Mueller</i>
<b>Fri., Jan 14:</b>	[No Mass Scheduled]
<b>Sat., Jan. 15:</b>	11:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg – Funeral Mass <i>Edward 'Pete' Davis with visitation from 9:30 – 10:55 A.M. in church</i>
<b>Sat., Jan 15:</b>	Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo <i>Anita &amp; Tony Schmelzer</i> 5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg <i>Robert 'Bob' Hoffmann</i>
<b>Sun., Jan 16:</b>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Church Time 8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista <i>People of the Parish</i> 10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, <i>Jim &amp; Lou Kuempel</i>

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: “With You I Am Well Pleased”

Today’s Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It’s a feast of transition from Jesus’ hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus’ divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, “baptized” by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism was a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son’s mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

*Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### 2022 Beauty in Christ Women’s Conference

St. Mary Parish will be a host/satellite site for this amazing conference on Saturday, January 29th, from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. We will view the conference in Brinkman Hall.

Cost to attend in person is \$25. This includes the ticket, meal, and snacks throughout our time together. For at home viewing the cost for a ticket is \$10.

We hope you will consider joining us for this beautiful opportunity! Call Katey at 563-219-4129 or email at dbq096ym@dbqarch.org to reserve your spot! In person seating is limited so call today! Register by Friday, January 21.

### A Stewardship Moment

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

**From the KCs.....**Thank you to everyone who has donated to the St Mary ramp replacement fund. The current fund balance is \$27,543.64. The goal is to reach \$40k. Construction of the handicap ramp will be started when the money is raised, hopefully this spring or summer. The handicap accessible door is installed and paid for. Again, **thank you** for supporting this much needed improvement.

The KC Knight of the Month for January is Marvin Althoff. Marvin has spent a lot of his time converting lights to LED for the school and parish buildings.

### Upcoming Parish Events . . .

- Jan 9: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am
- Jan 12: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Jan 16: Movie: “A Question of Faith” will be shown after 10am Mass; a light lunch will be served
- Jan 19: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Jan 26: **No Youth Ministry**
- Jan 29: Beauty in Christ Women’s Conference; 8am—1pm
- Feb 1: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Feb 2: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Feb 9: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall

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