

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Yes ... We are Embroiled in Tumultuous Times

These are indeed frightening times. Whether it be the World Wide COVID-19 Pandemic that has already claimed 1.8 million lives, our Economy with 12.6 million unemployed, or our Divided Political Climate with fears of voter fraud and stress about Electoral College counts, there are plenty of reasons to be concerned.

Trust in God and Have No Fear

In this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm, God reminds us that we need to believe in Him to stay strong, confident, courageous, and ultimately joyful:

Isaiah 12:2 "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid" (Focus on God to be unafraid)

"My strength and my courage is the LORD, and He has been my savior." (Remember that God has come through in the past, and will again, so be courageous)

Isaiah 12:3 "With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation." (Know that God is our ultimate salvation, and you will be joyful)

Isaiah 12:6 "Shout with exultation ... for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!" (God is working powerfully among us so be exultant)

Dear Lord: Help us to focus on You so that regardless of the chaotic world around us we will be unafraid, courageous, joyful, and exultant because of your presence in our life. I pray this in Jesus' name.

*Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.
- Mother Teresa*

Fr. Marvin Bries

Ramp Update

The KCs have collected \$14,598 in donations for the handicap ramp replacement. We will have some firm cost estimates for this project soon. Our goal in the ramp replacement is to have a structure that will last for decades without constant costly maintenance. We must ensure that the ramp is ADA and OSHA compliant and that also includes the door to the church. The doorway is too narrow and must be widened to meet regulations. We thank everyone for your generosity and support for this project. Donations can be put in the collection basket, made online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/> or mailed to St. Mary's Church, P.O. Box 847, Guttenberg, IA 52052. Please make checks out to St. Mary Parish.

Weekly Offering/Budget envelopes may be picked up at the back of church. If you have had a change of address in the past year, please notify the parish office so we may update our records, 252-1247.

We also have online giving available for your convenience at:

<https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

Public Mass Schedule: Jan 11 – Jan 17, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Jan 11: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jan 12: 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Dec'd of Lawrence Felder Family

Wed., Jan 13: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 1st Grade
Germaine Weyant & Dick Andregg

Thur., Jan 14: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Jan 15: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jan 16: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Marvin Vaske [Anniv.]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Sun., Jan 17: SECOND SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jim & Lou Kuempel

Mass Readings for January 10, 2020:

Reading I, [Is 55:1-11](#): Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm, [Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6](#): R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. **R.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! **R**

Reading II, [1 Jn 5:1-9](#): Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Alleluia, alleluia. John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [Cf. Jn 1:29](#)

Gospel, [Mk 1:7-11](#): This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Drive-thru Style

St. Mary Church Parking Lot

Sunday, January 17, 8:00am—11:30am



Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls
Free will donation. We are raising money to replace the handicap ramp at church.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

Upcoming Events

Jan 10: 10AM Mass aired on Channel 6 & FB

Jan 17: KC Pancake/Sausage Breakfast drive-thru
10AM Mass aired on FB

Jan 24: 10AM Mass aired on Channel 6 & FB

Jan 25-29: Catholic Schools Week

As you start and end your day, be thankful for every little thing in your life. You will come to realize how blessed you truly are!