

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Are you listening?

Sunday's First Reading calls you to Listen for God and Respond. I suspect that this story of Samuel's first encounter with God is very similar to many of your own experiences.

Compare Samuel's story to your own life and it'll be much easier to recognize God's hand in your life.

1. God called Samuel many times before Samuel finally recognized that it was God calling. In contemplating your own life, think of the many times you felt prompted to do something good, and when you finally gave in and did it, how good you felt about it. Have you recognized that it was God calling you?
2. God didn't give up on Samuel. God kept calling until Samuel finally understood that it was God. God won't give up on you either. He'll keep pursuing you no matter how long it takes for you to come to know Him.
3. Just as it was with Samuel, you need to Respond to God's call by acknowledging Him and then seeking a relationship with Him as demonstrated by how you live your life.
4. If you'll listen for God, acknowledge Him, and follow Him, He will make your life more impactful than you have ever imagined!

## Are YOU listening?

Dear Lord: Thank You for calling each one of us. Please, give us an eager heart to listen (search) for You, recognize (acknowledge) You, and respond by following You. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

### Every Life is Worth Living

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

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 18 – Jan 24, 2021 Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask**

**Mon., Jan 18:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Jan 19:** 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo, *Paul Puelz*

**Wed., Jan 20:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 6/7th Grade  
*Kathryn [Leliefeld] Ben & Owen Kann*

**Thur., Jan 21:** [No Mass Scheduled], “St. Agnes”

**Fri., Jan 22:** [No Mass Scheduled]  
“Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children”

**Sat., Jan 23:** VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY IN TIME  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Margaret Schlueter*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Ann Olinger (C.D. of A.)*

**Sun., Jan 24:** THIRD SUNDAY IN TIME  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Joanne Clark [Months Mind]*

## Mass Readings for January 17, 2021:

**Reading I, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19** : Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

**Responsorial Psalm, Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10** : R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." **R.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!" **R.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **R.**

**Reading II, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20** : Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.** We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Jn 1:41, 17b

**Gospel, Jn 1:35-42** : John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.



### 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 have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

### Upcoming Events . . .

**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

**SMIC Cash Raffle Fundraiser:** Tickets will be sold until the last drawing in May. Multiple chances to win!  
1/7 - \$100 – Justin Parker – Donated \$ back to school.  
1/13 - \$50 – John Uhal  
1/20 - \$100  
1/27 - \$50