

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

This Sunday, the movie "**I STILL BELIEVE**" will be presented after the 10:00AM Mass, in Brinkmann Hall. The Parish Life Committee will provide FREE "SOUP & BARS" with the movie starting about 11:30.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPi

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: Please mark your calendar for a special rosary on Sat., Feb. 4, 2022 at St. Mary's of Guttenberg with Aquinas Communications from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

The message of Jesus is simple. It can be boiled down to two sentences. "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the good news." We cannot follow Jesus and continue to live the same way we did before.

Mass Schedule: January 23 – January 29, 2023

Mon., Jan 23: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jan 24: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Jan 25: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Ronald & Agnes McDonnell/Loris Kickbush

Thur., Jan 26: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Jan 27: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jan 28: Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Ray & Mae Berns
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Fred Bush & Steve Steger

Sun., Jan 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass. *Live Streamed*
Barb Pape (Month Mind)

Save the date: Sunday, June 4, after Mass Celebration of Fr. Bries' 50th Anniversary.

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