

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## God talks to you

(9 day Novena for Life)

Wow! In Sunday's First Reading (Jonah 3:1-5, 10) the Lord talks to Jonah and through that scripture, He is also talking to you. Here's the abbreviated message:

- God comes and talks to us
- We need to follow His guidance and do what He asks
- It may look like a long difficult and almost impossible task
- If we declare what God asks of us, God performs miracles (which might be different than we expect)
- By following God's lead, we are ALL blessed

We are in the middle of the "9 days of Novena for Life" (January 21 – 29). I encourage you to go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) and see how God talks to you. Then ... follow His guidance.

Dear Lord: We know that you work miracles on our behalf if we seek your guidance. Touch our hearts so that we follow where you lead regarding the Novena for Life, and through our actions perform miracles. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Congratulations to **Mike Landwehr** who has been chosen by the Iowa Knights of Columbus as Knight of the Month for December

### **New Year's Resolutions for Catholic Parents**

This year, with God's help, we resolve:

To make spending time with God a priority, and to encourage our children to spend time with Him in prayer, in our home, and at Mass

To teach our children about God, His ways, his promises, and His love for us.

To treat our children with respect and love, and to always have their best interests at heart

To rejoice in being the parents God made us to be, and to resist the temptation to compare ourselves to other parents.

The KCs would like to thank everyone that supported their drive thru breakfast this past Sunday!

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

2020 Annual Contribution statements may be picked up at the back of church.

### **Public Mass Schedule: Jan 25 – Jan 31, 2021**

**Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask**

**Mon., Jan 25:** [No Mass Scheduled], "Conversion of St. Paul"

**Tues., Jan 26:** 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo,  
"Ss. Timothy & Titus" – Vincent & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

**Wed., Jan 27:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Kindergarten  
"Catholic Schools Week" – People of the Parish

**Thur., Jan 28:** [No Mass Scheduled], "Full Moon"  
"St. Thomas Aquinas"

**Fri., Jan 29:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Jan 30:** VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY IN TIME  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Reynold & Bernice Scheffert*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Ann Olinger*

**Sun., Jan 31:** FOURTH SUNDAY IN TIME  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
*People of the Parish*  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Arnold & Regina Bries*

**Mass Readings for January 24, 2021:**

**Reading I, [Jon 3:1-5, 10](#)** : The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD’S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, “ when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

**Responsorial Psalm, [Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#) : R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **R.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

**Reading II, [1 Cor 7:29-31](#)** : I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.** The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** [Mk 1:15](#)

**Gospel, [Mk 1:14-20](#)** : After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

St. Mary IC School Valentine Cookie Sale

6” Heart Shaped Sugar Cookie  
\$5 each

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of cookies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Must be paid in advance.  
Orders due by  
Friday, Feb. 5th.

Delivery to local schools or pickup at SMIC school on Feb. 12th.

Return this form and payment to SMIC School by Feb 5th.

**LIVE THE LITURGY, INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:**  
“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn’t a human being alive who hasn’t acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God’s grace we now see the light.

**SMIC Cash Raffle Fundraiser:**

Tickets will be sold until the last drawing in May. Multiple chances to win!  
1/20 - \$100, Gerry Kluesner  
1/27 - \$50  
2/3—\$100  
2/10—\$500  
2/17—\$100

O almighty and merciful God, we come to You today to ask You to keep in peace the world and its people, to keep far away from it the devastating wave of terrorism, to restore friendship and instill in the hearts of your creatures the gift of trust and of readiness to forgive. Pope Francis

**Upcoming Events . . . .**

- Jan 24:** 10AM Mass aired on Channel 6 & FB
- Jan 25-29:** Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 27:** 8:30 AM Mass aired on Channel 6 and FB
- Jan 31:** 10AM Mass aired on Channel 6 & FB