

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: The Art of Retreat

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPi

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion. These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it! Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence.
— 1 Corinthians 1:17

PRAYER ~ Rabbi Jack Riemer

We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war; for we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbors.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation; for You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice; for You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair; for You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease; for You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

Therefore, we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power,
To do instead of just pray,
To become instead of merely to wish. Amen.



BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:

Sunday, February 12 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Jaydin Andrew Grinstead

infant son of Jarid & Taylor (Fassbinder) Grinstead

May you grow in age, knowledge & wisdom in the Lord!

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.

Mass Schedule: January 30 – February 5, 2023

Mon., Jan 30: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jan 31: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Feb 1: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Ann Olinger & Kathleen Bockenstedt

Thur., Feb 2: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Feb 3: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Feb 4: Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Jan Tschirgi
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Sun., Feb 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass. *Live Streamed*
Richard Goerd

