

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: God's Call

So as to be more available to the graces of the liturgy's readings, imagine Jesus' being grabbed by his former neighbors and hustled out of the synagogue. They knew him as a lad and his parents were their friends. Jesus has said something that offended them and he does not retract his words, but frees himself and disappears. He will face angry crowds often in his life, but this is the first; he knows what he had to say and he said it.

Whenever the phone rings we can wonder, "now what is this going to be about!" Good news often is costly; it asks something of us. Our readings are about call and response. I just made a call. I said hello and the party at the other end just hung up. I guess I had the wrong number. That person missed a great chance to have a stimulating chat.

We pray these days not to hang up on the calls of life, the calls of God. We pray not to miss the adventures of stimulating conversations with God through living our faith each moment. We pray also for the grace to stick with our beliefs, our convictions, when we meet opposition. The good, like light itself, attempts to penetrate the dark, but the darkness is equally intent to subdue the light. Being faithful is more than a notion; it is an action as well. We pray to hear the call, pick up on it, stick with the conversation and not argue. ~Larry Gillick, S.J

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

~Luke 4:18

!!! ATTENTION !!!

Archdiocesan Synod Survey Coming This Week

This week all registered parish households will be receiving an important letter and survey from Archbishop Jackels. The survey, which will take about ten minutes to complete, will allow you to give input on how to measure parish viability and vitality to help with long-range parish planning.

The survey can be completed by all and returned in the envelope provided. However, if you have access to the internet you are asked to complete it electronically. You can access the survey, in English, Spanish or French at www.dbqarch.org/survey or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up on your phone.



From SMIC School as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week . . . Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary, Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph for your support of Catholic Education. We recognize that Catholic Education is a huge investment for the parishioners and we take the responsibility of being good stewards very seriously. Thank you for allowing parents to have a choice in education. Your support is appreciated and we hold you all in our prayers.

Mass Schedule: Jan. 31 – Feb 6, 2022

Mon., Jan 31: [No Mass Schedule], "St. John Bosco"

Tues., Feb 1: – [No weekday Masses at Garnavillo during the Winter season]

Wed., Feb 2: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Catholic Schools Week with Kindergarten
"Presentation of the Lord"
Dec'd of Nuehring Family & Ann Olinger

Thur., Feb 3: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Jackie Spielbauer & Family & Leon Berns

Fri., Feb 4: [No Mass Scheduled]

General Absolution of one's sins at All Three-Linked Parishes This Weekend!!!

Sat., Feb 5: Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Henry Mueller & Sharon Berns
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Donna Balk & Julie Schlueter (Month Mind)

Sun., Feb 6: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Church Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Lynne Finnegan & Richard Goerd

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Preaching to Your Family

And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” [Luke 4:24](#)

Sharing the Gospel with your family is not always as easy as sharing it with a stranger. Conversely, listening to the Gospel message from a family member is not always as easy as hearing it from someone else. Why is that? It may be that familiarity with another, such as the familiarity we have with family members, can tempt us to lack a certain confidence in their convictions and in their Christian witness. Though this is certainly not true of every relationship we have, it can be the case with some. Children, at times, will not put as much confidence in the words of a parent as they may another. Siblings may not be as open to advice from each other as they are from other people.

Perhaps one of the reasons for this experience is that we are often far more critical of those we know well than those we do not know. It’s easy to allow our long history of personal experience to hinder our openness toward family members. This is especially the case with the negative experiences we have had over the years. So often, we hold onto negative experiences and hurts from year to year and we allow those experiences to become a filter for anything that a family member says or does.

This statement from Jesus, that “no prophet is accepted in his own native place,” should challenge us to make sure we do not fall into this tendency. We should do what we can to make sure that we do accept the prophetic witness shared with us from our own family members.

The best way to do this is to make sure that we regularly strive to purge any “baggage” we carry in those relationships. Very often, we carry the baggage of hurt, anger and resentment without even realizing it. We also easily focus in on the weaknesses of family members since we easily witness their weaknesses as a result of being close to them.

Reflect, today, upon your family. Reflect, especially, upon whether you allow yourself to look beyond their weaknesses and sins so as to see the goodness of God at work in their lives. There is much that God wants to say to you through them. Make sure you have not closed that door and are willing to accept them as a messenger of the Gospel. *Dearest Lord, I thank You for my family. I thank You for the gift that they have been in my life. Help me to daily show mercy and forgiveness to them as needed. Help me to daily be open to Your voice speaking through them. Jesus, I trust in You.* source: mycatholiclife.com

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
 Drive-thru and Limited indoor seating available; St. Mary Church
Sunday, Feb 13th, 8:00am—11:30am
 Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls
 Free will donation. Proceeds to the Handicap Ramp Fund

On Feb 20th, the **Parish Life Committee** will be presenting the movie, **An Interview with God**, in Brinkmann Hall, after the 10:00 AM Mass with a **FREE** light luncheon prior to the movie. Movie will start at approximately 11:30.

“SCRIPTURE STUDY” resumes on Feb 1, 8:30am and Feb 3, 6:30pm, starting with Session #18, “The Story of Salvation.” Sessions will be 2 hours long, held in Brinkmann Hall and continue until Mar 10, 2022, by Jerry Balk, 252-2361.

A Stewardship Moment
 Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

SMIC School is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2022/2023 school year

Principal
Teachers:
Elementary
Middle School
Art/Music

Send resume to eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

Please share this info and if you know of someone, encourage them to apply!

Upcoming Parish Events

- Jan 29: Beauty in Christ Women’s Conference; 8am—1pm
- Feb 1: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
 CDA Mtg, Noon in Monona
 KC Meeting, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Feb 2: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Feb 3: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Feb 9: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Feb 13: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30 am
- Feb 20: Parish Movie: “An Interview with God” after 10:00am Mass
- Feb 27: Festival Meeting after 10:00am Mass

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

St. Mary IC School Valentine Cookie Sale

6” Heart Sugar Cookie
 \$5 each, Payment with order
 Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 # of cookies: _____
 Due: \$ _____
 Circle delivery option: SMIC CR Elem CR High CR Middle
 Return this form and payment to SMIC School by **Feb 4th.**