

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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How will you respond?

God is constantly helping us and teaching us. It seems that many of the best learnings come through hardships which reveal blessings. This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm instructs us on how we should respond when we experience these teachings.

If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart

This Psalm goes on to teach us:

-let us acclaim the rock of our salvation (Proclaim that God will save us)

-Let us come into His presence (Go to God in prayer)

-let us joyfully sing psalms (Enthusiastically read His word)

-let us bow down in worship (Acknowledge Him as our God)

For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds

Dear Lord: Thank you for blessing us, even if it is through the hardships and trials of our life. Let us see it for the blessing it can be and give you praise. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries



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

Sunday, Feb 7 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Ayven Victoria Kann

daughter of Rich & Haylee [Bockenstedt] Kann

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

Public Mass Schedule: Feb 1 – Feb 7, 2021

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Feb 1: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Feb 2: 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"Presentation of the Lord" – *Mary Jane Steger*

Wed., Feb 3: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 6th/7th grade
Loris Kickbush & Anthony Mueller

Thur., Feb 4: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Feb 5: [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Agatha"

Sat., Feb 6: VIGIL OF FIFTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Tracy Werges
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Claude & Claire Frommelt

Sun., Feb 7: FIFTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jackie Spielbauer & Family

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL: weekend of **Feb 6-7**. 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget is your individual contributions. As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Please send your contribution **directly to Catholic Charities**, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003. They will send you a personal "thank you."

Which one do you think will help you become a-better-version-of-yourself:

- A. Stop eating chocolate for 40 days
- B. Praying every day for 40 days

Join Matthew Kelly for **BEST LENT EVER** this year as he takes us on a 40-day journey through his new book *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*. Sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com

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

Mass Readings for January 31, 2021:

Reading I, Dt 18:15-20 : Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 :**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

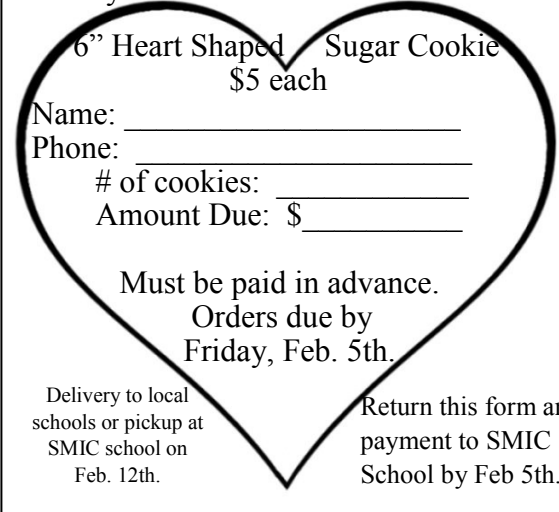
Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.” **R.**

Reading II, 1 Cor 7:32-35 : Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** [Mt 4:16](#)

Gospel, Mk 1:21-28 : Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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:

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

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

The “**DAILY REFLECTIONS for LENT**” booklets, ‘**Not by Bread Alone 2021,**’ are now available at the entryways of church. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 17.

Upcoming Events

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
Feb 2: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
Feb 7: 8:30 AM Mass aired on Channel 6 and FB