

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us. ©LPi

Fall Festival Fundraiser:

Tickets can be purchased or donations made:

*online at [https://](https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/)

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* put money in an envelope in the weekend collection marked Festival, or

*send money to St Mary Church,
PO Box 847
Guttenberg, IA 52052

(make checks out to St. Mary Fall Festival):

General chairperson:

Don Scherbring 563-252-1556

New this year: There will be an area in Brinkmann Hall where crafts will be sold.

Silent Auction

Start thinking about donating to our Silent Auction to be held in September with the same format and set up as last year. Asking for new items, handcrafted items anything you feel would do well in an auction. Thank you for consideration on this as it did well last year!

Reminder: This weekend (July 3/4) is food shelf weekend. Donations may be placed in the totes by the confessional room. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection box marked Food Shelf; mailed to the rectory or made online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Handicap Ramp Replacement Meeting

Tuesday, July 6, 7:00pm, Brinkmann Hall

Open to all parishioners. Bring your thoughts, ideas, and/or concerns.

Public Mass Schedule: July 5– July 11, 2021

Mon., Jul 5: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jul 6: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Chuck Peterman & Louie Helle

Wed., Jul 7: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Claude/Frank/Florence Frommelt

Thur., Jul 8: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center
Harold Mueller

Fri., Jul 9: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 10: Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass- Fr. Koopman
Leon Berns [Months Mind]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass- Fr. Koopman
Gene Tujetsch & Loris Kickbush

Sun., Jul 11: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Lynne Finnegan [1 1/2 Months Mind]



“Save Time and Donate Online!”

Online giving is available with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time & support the church: <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Seeing Christ in Others

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. [Mark 6:4-6](#)

Jesus’ encounter with His own kin in His own town was disappointing. They were amazed at His wisdom and the mighty deeds He performed. But despite this amazement at Him, they “took offense at Him.” They took offense because they didn’t understand how someone whom they knew well, one of their own kin, could be someone special. They allowed their closeness and familiarity with Jesus to cloud their ability to have faith in Him and to rejoice in His greatness.

We do not have this same struggle in a direct way. None of us are from Jesus’ own town or members of His extended family by blood relations. But we can still fall into the trap of turning Jesus away as He is present in those closest to us, within *our* own family and among *our* close friends.

This struggle that Jesus encountered reveals our tendency to look at those closest to us without the eyes of faith. Though Jesus was falsely judged, we can, at times, enter into judgment of those close to us on account of their sins or even our false perception of their good actions. Are you able to see others in the light of truth? Are you also able to look beyond the weakness and sins of others and see the presence and grace of God alive in their lives? Are you able to see their goodness and allow God to speak to you through those closest to you? This can be more of a struggle than we may realize.

If it happened to Jesus, it will happen in our families too. The lesson we should learn from this is to identify the temptation to see only the negative in the lives of those closest to us. If we can overcome that temptation, we will be able to focus in on the presence of God alive in their lives. This should be the first and primary thing we seek to discover each and every day.

Reflect, today, upon how well you do see God present in those closest to you. If you find you struggle with that, see it as a temptation you are called to overcome. Discovering the presence of God alive in those around you will help you to grow in love of them and love of God.

Lord, help me to see You in the lives of those closest to me. Help me to rejoice in Your presence and to grow in love of others and in love of You as I see You at work in their lives. Jesus, I trust in You. *Source: mycatholiclife.com*

What does it mean to be Patriotic? The 4th of July is more than just watermelon and fireworks. Make sure your family takes time to talk about why Independence Day is significant and what it means to be patriotic. Here are a few ways to instill patriotism in children:

*Talk about the true meaning of Patriotism, Freedom and Independence. Even at an early age, children can learn that being patriotic means loving, supporting, and defending one’s country. **Patriotism** is the love that people have for their country. **Freedom** means making choices and respecting the choices of others. In a free country, it’s ok for people to make mistakes, be different, and believe different things. Many people came to America for religious freedom! **Independence** means you can choose things for yourself.

*Teach your children about the significance of the colors, stars and stripes on the American flag. **Red** signifies hardiness & valor –working hard for what you believe in. **White** signifies purity and innocence-doing the right thing.

Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice--not giving up

*Tell your child why you love America. Model an attitude of thankfulness for the luxuries you are allowed to enjoy as a result of our country’s freedom. *source: www.famlii.com*

Happy Fourth of July!

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.



Upcoming Parish Events

Jul 6: CDA Meeting, Noon at Johnson’s restaurant in Elkader
Jul 6: Ramp Replacement Mtg, 7pm, Brinkmann Hall
Jul 6: KC Meeting; 7:30, Brinkmann Hall

Sept 5-26: St. Mary Parish Silent Auction, Brinkmann Hall
Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass

Area Events . . .

Jul 28: Julyfest at St. Joseph Parish, Farley
Aug 29: Holy Trinity Church Fundraiser, Church of Cash, World Class Johnny Cash Tribute, 2:30pm Concert. Tickets at Ungs Shopping Center, Luxemburg