

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked. ©LPi

Fall Festival Fundraiser:

Purchase tickets or make donations:

*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 and indicate Tickets or Donation):

General chairperson:

Don Scherbring 563-252-1556



1st Communion

Sunday July 18, 2021 during 10:00am Mass

Sienna McGuine

Public Mass Schedule: July 12– July 18, 2021

Mon., Jul 12: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jul 13: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Vincent & Inez Hoeger

Wed., Jul 14: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
William 'Bill' Liefeld [Month's Mind]

Thur., Jul 15: 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center
Jackie Spielbauer & Family

Fri., Jul 16: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 17: Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Albert & Lucille & Family

Sun., Jul 18: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Ray Wille [Month's Mind]

Handicap Ramp Update

At the Tuesday night meeting, it was decided to hire an engineering firm to evaluate the feasibility of an elevator. The ramp fund is at \$26,247.

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. Will you answer? Contact Robert Kies at 563-252-4030 or visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month.

One benefit offered to members and their families is a complete portfolio of top-quality products. Walter Witt is our council insurance agent. Contact him at walter.witt@kofc.org or (563) 419-0400 for any insurance questions.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Thank you for the birthday cards and gifts! May God bless your kindness to His priest.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Relying on Providence

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. [Mark 6:8](#)

Does God care about the smallest details in your life? Does He care about you receiving proper food and housing? Does He care about your proper emotional, material and spiritual support? He certainly does!

Sometimes it can happen that we fail to realize how completely God cares for us. We can fall into the trap of getting consumed by the fear and anxiety of daily concerns. We can worry that we will not have enough for tomorrow or even today. This worry can concern us regarding all parts of our lives—relationships, emotions, material needs, spiritual strength, etc.

What we need to know, with complete certainty, is that God is attentive to every detail of our lives. He knows all and loves us in such a complete way that He will not abandon us ever. He will never allow us to be without those things we need to live a full and fruitful life.

Do you believe that? At times it can be hard to believe. At times we can feel overwhelmed and believe that we must take care of everything ourselves. It is true that we are called to offer all our energy and talent to God so that He can use us and work through us. But we should never forget that God is ultimately the one taking care of us and is the one most attentive to our every need.

Reflect, today, on the level of abandonment that you have to divine providence. Pray this prayer below and reflect upon how completely you can make it yours. Jesus, I trust in You!

Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures –I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld

source: mycatholiclife.com

St. Mary’s Convent

At a recent meeting, the Parish Council and Finance Committee members discussed the future of the convent. Several items were noted:

- * The roof leaks on the north side and it contains asbestos.
- * It is no longer being used for Faith Formation/Religious Education.
- * Costs(heating, water, sewage, insurance) are becoming an issue

Council members decided it would be in the best interest of the Parish to tear down the building. This project will not happen in a few months and discussion is ongoing with Parish Council and Finance.

Fun Facts for Catholic Kids of ALL Ages:

Why do we have to help other people? Helping a neighbor, family member or friend in need does not always involve financial giving. Sometimes the most appreciated gift we can give is our time and energy. Offer to babysit for a single parent, or bring an elderly neighbor along the next time you grocery shop, bake cookies for the new neighbor. Kids do as we do. We model our faith each time we reach out to help someone in need. Source: Teaching Catholic Kids.com

As a family, think about who you could reach out to this week. The possibilities are endless!

Any act of kindness, whether great or small helps to build the Kingdom of God.

Upcoming Parish Events

- Aug 3: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, KC Clubroom
- Sept 5-26: St. Mary Parish Silent Auction, Brinkmann Hall
- Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass

Area Events . . .

- Jul 13: Womenade Gathering, Noon, South Riverside park Guttenberg
- Jul 18: St. Ann-St. Joseph Church, Harpers Ferry; Chicken and Ham Dinner, 11-1:30
- 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

A Stewardship Moment

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul teaches that God, the Father, has established a divine plan to bring all of creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with an abundance of divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord?

Thank you to Meuser Lumber Co. for donating some lumber to temporarily patch the handicap railing.