

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing! ©LPi

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Purchase tickets(\$100ea) or make donations:

*online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

* 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)

Our current balance is at: **\$3290**. Thank you for your generosity!

Fall Festival Meeting, Sunday, July 25th after 10am Mass in Brinkmann Hall.

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND OF JULY

31 & AUGUST 1: Collection after communion. If writing a check please make it out to GMHC Resource Center. The bank is very strict about who check is made out to.

SPECIAL COLLECTION WEEKEND OF AUGUST 7-8:

Clarity Clinic with speaker Dennis Rima will update us on their program for unborn babies.

“PRAYING THE ROSARY” will begin on July 31 & August 1. Still need **volunteers** to assist “leading” the rosary at both Masses. Contact Jerry Balk, 252-2361, for further details and scheduling.

“SCRIPTURE STUDY” will resume on September 28 and 30, starting with Session #10 of The Bible Timeline, “**The Story of Salvation.**” More details to follow or call Jerry Balk, 252-2361.



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

Sunday, July 25 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Anna May Anderegg

daughter of D.J. & Keisha (Harbaugh) Anderegg

Sunday, August, 1 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Jackson David Tujetsch

son of Andrew & Danielle (Flesch) Tujetsch

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

Public Mass Schedule: July 26– Aug 1, 2021

Mon., Jul 26: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jul 27: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Louie Helle & Joe Helle

Wed., Jul 28: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Gladys Hebert & Joyce Kienast

Thur., Jul 29: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Jul 30: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 31: Vigil of 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Bert Behrend & Tracy Werges
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Tony Schissel & Kris Stocks

Sun., Aug 1: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Fred Bush & Joanne Clark

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Facing the “Impossible?”

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” [John 6:9–10a](#)

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an “impossible situation?” Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it’s easy.

Jesus’ miracle speaks to His commitment to “feed us” in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it’s symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God’s will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God’s idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

source: mycatholiclife.com

Fun Facts for Catholic Kids of ALL Ages:

Last week we learned about Jesus, the Good Shepherd who takes care of the needs of his flock. What did the people on the hillside need that day? They had walked many miles to be with Jesus, and they were tired and hungry. The Gospel tells us that as many as five thousand people needed to be fed that day. Five loaves of bread and two fish could not possibly feed them all. But with Jesus, everything is possible! Think about how you prepare for a special meal with your family and friends. Usually there is a lot of planning and preparation to make sure that everyone has enough to eat and drink. Imagine how the disciples must have felt when Jesus suddenly decided that they should feed this huge crowd of people. Jesus took the loaves and fish, thanked God for his goodness, blessed the food, and then shared it with the people. The people were amazed at what Jesus had done for them. Would you have been amazed if you were there?

Source: The Complete Children’s Liturgy Book



What has God given you for which you are grateful?

Divine Word College offers continuing education classes for credit or audit for those seeking personal and faith enrichment. To learn more about the courses available for the Fall Semester which begins on August 16th, please visit:

www.dwci.edu/continuingeducation

A Stewardship Moment

“The hand of the Lord feeds us, “ says the psalmist; “he answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Upcoming Parish Events

Jul 25: Fall Festival Meeting, Brinkmann Hall after 10am Mass

Aug 3: CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall

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 . . .

Aug 29: Holy Trinity Church Fundraiser, Church of Cash, World Class Johnny Cash Tribute, 2:30pm Concert. Tickets at Ungs Shopping