

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Donuts, Coffee & Juice after Mass this Sunday!

Fall Fundraiser Information

Silent Auction: Donations of new or hand crafted items for the silent auction will be accepted through August 22nd. Bidding in person and online will start August 27th and continue through Sept 11 at 12:00 noon.

- * Looking for donations of baskets/gift baskets for silent auction.
- * Looking for volunteers to help staff the silent auction on weekends.

Cash Raffle/Donations: For the drawing, each \$100 will buy a ticket for the chance to win four cash prizes of \$500 each. The drawing will take place Sept. 11, after the 10:00 am Mass. Tickets can be purchased or donations made (*make checks out to St. Mary Fall Festival and indicate Tickets or Donation*):

- *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.

General chairperson:
Don Scherbring 563-252-1556

Please note for tax purposes, monies used to purchase tickets for the drawing are **not** considered a tax deductible contribution. To make a tax deductible contribution, include a note indicating **donation**.

Handicap Ramp Closure Notice:

Starting Monday, July 18th the north (handicap) entrance to the church will be closed as reconstruction of the handicap ramp takes place. This entrance will be closed for approximately 2 months. During this time, KC members will be available at the front (east) entrance of the church to assist those who need help getting into church for weekend Masses.

Mass Schedule: July 18 – July 24, 2022

Mon., Jul 18: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Jul 19: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Anita & Tony Schmelzer

Wed., Jul 20: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
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Thur., Jul 21: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Pete Davis & Leon Berns

Fri., Jul 22: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 23: Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Tracy Werges & Bert Behrend
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Sun., Jul 24: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Carol Schlueter

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Choosing the Better Part

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” [Luke 10:41-42](#)

It’s only normal for each of us to desire the “better part.” Though this may be the result of a certain selfishness within us, it may also come from a holy desire when the “better part” is identified as the will of God in our lives. Conversely, sometimes we can tend to choose what we perceive as better for us, when in fact it’s not better at all.

This passage reveals that Mary chose something we should all desire in life. She chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and simply be with Him. Martha was doing a lovely service by preparing the meal and working hard, but Mary was focused in on one thing, her Lord.

It’s important to acknowledge the fact that we will all have times in life when we must be more like Martha. Work must be accomplished, chores completed, and various forms of labor will be a normal part of daily life. But we must also daily remind ourselves that there is one thing we must never lose sight of: Being with Jesus, in silence and prayerful adoration is the most important thing we can do. This doesn’t undermine any other tasks we have to complete each day, but it does reveal that we should never neglect that which is most important.

By identifying Mary’s choice to sit at His feet, Jesus reminds us all of the importance of simply being with Him. This is the call to the contemplative life given not only to cloistered monks and nuns, but is an invitation to us all. We must all seek out moments of rest with Jesus throughout our busy days.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Mary sitting quietly at the feet of Jesus. Use this image as a symbolic invitation to do the same this day. Have you prayed yet today? Have you sat silently with our Lord? Have you tried to enter into a deep adoration of Him through prayer and meditation? Choose the “better part” this day and you will find that all else falls in place to a much better degree.

Most glorious Lord, I do love You and desire to adore You this day and always. Help me to regularly seek moments of deep prayer with You through which I rest in Your glorious presence. May I find moments to live this “better part” every day so that I may enjoy Your full presence forever in eternity. Jesus, I trust in You. source: www.mycatholiclife.com

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Please patronize these St. Mary’s volunteers who work at the Bender’s Foods cookout stand they raise funds for their many different church events.

Aug 19 & 20: Knights of Columbus
Aug 26 & 27: St. Mary’s Parish Life

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

Elementary Teacher
Middle School Teacher

Submit resume to
ajones@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

A Stewardship Moment

Today’s readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart’s desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)

Upcoming Events: Volunteers are Needed

- Concession Stand at Auction of Fall Festival Items, July 16th
- July 20, Help with the Mobile Food Pantry, St. John Church, 4:15-6pm.
- PPA Meeting, Aug 1, 5:30pm Middle School
- Aug 18, 5-7pm, School open house and taco supper

Fundraisers:

- Raffle -\$20 Tickets available from any SMIC student or at the school office. \$5000 total payout; \$50-\$1000 prizes; weekly draws Sep-Dec
- Scrip Sales — ongoing at Peoples State Bank or online
- Amazon Smile — ongoing;

Our new principal, Angela Jones invites you to contact her by email ajones@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us if you would like to visit with her before school starts. She is eager to hear from parents *and* students about SMIC and is working hard to get things ready for a great school year.

Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

- Jul 16: Auction of Fall Festival Items, Church Parking Lot, 10am
Jul 17: Coffee, Juice and Donuts after Mass sponsored by Parish Life
Aug 2: CDA Mtg at Noon in Monona
KC Meeting, 7:30pm

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