

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours? ©LP

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Purchase tickets(\$100 ea) 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)

General chairperson:
Don Scherbring 563-252-1556

Our current festival fund raising balance is at: **\$1850**. Thank you for your generosity!

“**PRAYING THE ROSARY**” will begin on July 31 & August 01. 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.

Parish Council Members:

Don Scherbring, Chair; Danny Carrier; Sue Bahls; Adam Scherbring; Gerald Borman, Lois Bries

Finance Committee Members:

Steve Bahls, Chair; Marv Althoff; Jeff Burr Al Schlueter; Ron McLane



1st Communion

Sunday July 18, 2021 during 10:00am Mass
Sienna McGuine

Public Mass Schedule: July 19– July 25, 2021

Mon., Jul 19: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jul 20: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Amy Hoeger & Paul Puelz

Wed., Jul 21: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Dick Andregg & Germaine Weyant

Thur., Jul 22: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center
Kathleen Bockenstedt & Harold Mueller

Fri., Jul 23: [No Mass Scheduled], FULL MOON

Sat., Jul 24: 2:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Wedding Ceremony
Tony Hoefler & Teirney Schneider
Officiant: Fr. Wilker

Sat., Jul 24: Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Robert 'Bob' Klaes [Month's Mind]

Sun., Jul 25: 17th 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



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

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Alone With Jesus

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” [Mark 6:31a](#)

This is an invitation we may need to hear far more than we realize. And it’s an invitation that many find hard to accept from Jesus. But take it as a direct invitation offered to you from our Lord. Hear Him say this to you: “You, my child, please do come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest for a while.”

There is something very healing and helpful that comes from silence and moments of solitude. There is something about silence and solitude that enables us to get refocused. So often in life we are overwhelmed by busyness. “Busyness” is often a way for the evil one to wear us down and get us off track. It keeps us from the gentle, clear and refreshing voice of God. So how is it that God is inviting you to come away by yourself and rest?

At the heart of this invitation is a longing in Jesus’ heart that we rest from those burdens which weigh us down unnecessarily. It’s true that there are many good things God calls us to do that can exhaust us. But this “holy exhaustion” is not a bad thing. In fact, being “exhausted” by the will of God actually deepens our faith and fills us with joy. And that joy lightens our burden.

The main reason for our need to “come away” and “rest” is that there are many things in life that are not part of God’s will. These are burdens we impose upon ourselves unnecessarily. These burdens, more than anything else, are what we need to rest from.

Coming away, alone, with Jesus, is a way of getting refocused and clearing out the clutter of life. It’s a way of escaping from our impulses and habits that draw us away from the joyful will of God. So think about this invitation. Think about it practically. Can you find at least ten minutes today to go find silence so as to rest in the arms of Jesus?

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to accept the invitation from Jesus to come and rest with and in Him. Commit yourself to doing just that. Make the choice, today, to find time to be alone. From that time of solitude, seek the still, small and silent voice of God. Let the quiet and the peace of God’s presence bring clarity and focus to your busy life.

Lord, help me to hear You call me to a time of rest and peace. Help me to seek You and to accept Your gentle invitation. Jesus, I trust in You. source: mycatholiclife.com

Fun Facts for Catholic Kids of ALL Ages:

Perhaps it is because Jesus is the Light of the World, but there is no doubt we love light, especially in the summertime. And, we love everything LIGHT about the summer! If you check out lists of summer favorites, there are bonfires, fireflies, fireworks, sunsets and days in the sun. Light encourages us and can make us feel lighthearted.

That makes summer a great time to consider what Jesus told us about living in the light of God’s love. He tells us to open our hearts, love others and do what is right. What if this time of year, when we savor longer hours of sunshine and many light-filled activities, we also concentrated on enjoying more of the SONshine? What if we made our sunny days faith-filled as well as fun-filled? Here’s an idea:

Enjoy the Word: As a family, memorize Ephesians 5:8-9: “For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” Talk about being “children of light” and what that means as you go about summer activities. Make goodness and truth concrete daily goals. Remember that in Scripture light symbolizes God’s presence and holiness. Look for God’s presence in the activities of each day and talk about them each night. Search out other Bible verses about light and talk about them, too!
Source: Teaching Catholic Kids.com

A Stewardship Moment
In today’s Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

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 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 Unga Shopping Center, Luxemburg