

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish. ©LPi

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Purchase tickets(\$100ea) for a chance to win one of four \$500 prizes 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 mark Tickets or Donation)

Our current balance is at **\$4090**. Thank you for your generosity!

Silent Auction Items Needed!

Please bring silent auction items to Brinkmann Hall no later than Wednesday, Sept 1 at 10:00am Asking for new items, handcrafted items, or anything you feel would do well in an auction. When bringing them in please include your name; description of the item and the starting bid. Contact Sue/Steve Bahls with questions. 252-3253.

FOOD PANTRY THIS WEEKEND:

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. Envelopes available in your pews with collection at offertory time. Please make check out to "Clarity Clinic" and they will acknowledge your gift.

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



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: Aug 2– Aug 8, 2021

Mon., Aug 2: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Aug 3: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Vincent & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

Wed., Aug 4: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
"Feast of St. John Vianney" *Mary J. Bries*

Thur., Aug 5: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Sacrament of Anointing before Mass
Jackie Spielbauer Family

Fri., Aug 6: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Aug 7: Vigil of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Sharon Berns & Fr. Richard Gaul
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Bill & Kay Vogt

Sun., Aug 8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
People of the Parish

"SCRIPTURE STUDY" resumes on Sept 28, 8:30 AM and Sept 30, 6:30 PM, starting with Session #10 of The Bible Timeline, **"The Story of Salvation."** The Sessions will be 2 hours long in Brinkmann Hall and continue until Nov 16 if there are no interruptions. Jerry Balk, 252-2361.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Most Holy Eucharist

So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” [John 6:34–35](#)

They were hungry, and they wanted Jesus to perform a miracle like He had recently done. They wanted Him to multiply loaves and fishes for the crowds. Perhaps they were curious or perhaps they were hungry. But Jesus directs them to so much more.

This passage begins Jesus’ discourse on the Bread of Life, which will be read at Sunday Mass for the next few weeks. We will see in this discourse Jesus giving His followers so much more than mere bread and fish. We listen to Him speak of Himself as the true Bread from Heaven. Sadly, many reject this precious teaching and gift and go their own way.

But what about you? How often have you truly pondered these words of Jesus? “I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst!” Do you believe this?

Deep within every human heart is a hunger and thirst that longs to be satisfied. We all have this longing and desire. We try to fill it with so many things, but in the end only one thing satisfies. Jesus alone can satiate the deepest longings of our souls.

Again, do you believe this? And if you do believe it in your head, do you believe it with your actions? Do you turn to Him as the source of your daily fulfillment and satisfaction? When you go to Mass, do you long to receive Him and love Him and enter into Communion with Him? Perhaps, but perhaps not. Most likely we all need to redirect our desires toward our glorious Savior, especially as He comes to us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you believe in these words of Jesus. Do you regularly meet Him in the Eucharist? Do you allow His presence to consume you as you consume Him? If you cannot say “Yes” to this in a complete and definitive way, resolve today to renew your love for our Lord in this glorious Sacrament.

Lord, I do love You, and I desire You to come and consume me as I consume You in the Most Holy Eucharist. Help me to believe in You and Your presence in this Most Holy Sacrament. May Your divine presence meet my deepest need and fulfill my deepest longings in life. Jesus, I trust in You.

source: mycatholiclife.com

Fun Facts for Catholic Kids of ALL Ages: What is Manna? Today’s reading from Exodus 16 tells the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt through the desert. The Israelites were slaves to the Egyptians for many years, and life was very harsh. As they journeyed through the desert, they eventually ran out of food and grew very hungry. Traveling through a desert is difficult. It’s very hot during the day and very cold at night. Few plants and animals can live there, so it was hard to find food. They complained to Moses. Moses brought the complaints of the people to God, who sent them meat and manna. Manna was like small whitish/yellow coriander seeds. The people gathered these and pounded them to make flour. They mixed it with olive oil and made it into flat pancakes which tasted like bread. When the Israelites were hungry, God gave them food to eat. Can you remember when Jesus provided food for a large crowd of people? (last week’s gospel)

Source: The Complete Children’s Liturgy Book

As a family, talk about how the ways that God has provided for your family. Chances are you haven’t received manna from heaven, but I’m sure that God has provided many good gifts. Look in your pantry to see if you have coriander seeds. Can you imagine using that to make your pancakes?

The Rosary will be prayed at **5:10 PM** on **Saturdays** and **9:40 AM** on **Sundays!**

A Stewardship Moment
The crowd in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a “fresh, spiritual way of thinking” in Christ.

Upcoming Parish Events

Aug 3: CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall
Aug 3: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, KC Clubroom
Sept 1: Silent Auction items due by 10:00am in Brinkmann Hall
Sept 5-19: St. Mary Parish Silent Auction, Brinkmann Hall
Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass
Sept 19: Silent Auction bidding closes at Noon.

Area Events . . .

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

Volunteers are needed to staff the Silent Auction for 1 hour after Masses on the weekends of Sept 4/5; Sept 11/12 and Sept 18/19. Please contact Sue Bahls if you can help out. 252-3253.