

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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After reading the July 12 Living Faith devotional which focuses on verse 8 from that day's gospel, I decided that I couldn't have said it better myself, so here it is for your contemplation ...

“ Full of Hope

Matthew 13:8 But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

It might be easy to be discouraged these days. Many decry the direction of this nation and the world. Others say that they are unhappy with the Church. Still others are disappointed with their own lives and feel that God has not answered their prayers.

Are things everywhere getting worse? I find it hard to judge. One could point to many things pro and con. But there is one thing I know for certain: The end will come for all. Time is short. Then God's Word will bring forth great fruit – thirty-, sixty-, one hundredfold – as today's gospel tells us.

Despite what is happening around us, our hearts should be at peace and our vision full of hope. The seed that God has planted in our hearts will yield an abundant harvest.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti ”

Dear Lord ... Give us eyes to see what you want us to recognize. Give us ears to hear what you want us to understand. And give us Grace to change our hearts and be saved. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

Sunday, July 12, 10 AM

Sunday, July 19, 10 AM (FB only)

Sunday, July 26, 10 AM

Sound System Improvement

Our parish sound system is developing minor problems and is in need of a new electronic system. The company says the sound will be a lot better than we ever had. So far, \$14,000 has been raised through donations and memorials. We need about \$9,000 to complete the project.

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

Many thanks for birthday cards and gifts from my 3-linked parishioners. May God bless you in graciousness to his priest.

Choir Members: If you would like to sing for Mass, please call Gina to sign up(563-213-9021). We will meet at 9:30am Sundays to go over songs. Limit of 6 people in choir loft, social distanced and wearing a mask at all times(construction/dust masks seem to work better for singing).

Public Mass Schedule: July 13- July 19, 2020

Please use sanitizer as you enter church & practice social distancing.

Mon., Jul 13: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jul 14: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Bernell & Eileen Kuehl

Wed., Jul 15: [No Mass Scheduled]

Thur., Jul 16: 8:30 A.M. – **St. Mary, Guttenberg**
Katie (Leliefeld) Ben (1st Anniv.)

(No weekday Mass at N. Buena Vista this week)

Fri., Jul 17: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 18: VIGIL OF SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Carol (Bries) Hartmann

Sun., Jul 19: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
People of the Parish

Mass Readings for July 12, 2020:

Reading 1 [Is 55:10-11](#)

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14](#)

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God’s watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. /R/

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield. /R/

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. /R/

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy. /R/

Reading 2 [Rom 8:18-23](#)

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

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Gospel [Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9](#)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”



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

Saturday July 11, St. Joseph, Garnavillo, during Mass

Olivia Hope Wilker

daughter of Korey & Melissa (Phelps) Wilker

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

Upcoming Events

Jul 24: Divine Worth College Seminary 6th Annual Benefit Golf Outing(Proceeds to student scholarship fund)

Aug 1/2: Food Shelf Weekend

Aug: 4: KC Meeting 7:30 pm, Brinkmann Hall

Aug: 21/22: KC Cookout at Bender’s Foods

Watch your mail/email for more info on our alternative plans for our parish festival fundraiser.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers: Please sign up for August Masses. Signup Sheets are in the confessional.

Parents/Grandparents: Are you looking for some fun faith filled activities for your children? Here’s a link to Church of St. Leo the Great, which has lots of resources. Check it out: <https://stleothegreat.com/childrens-corner>

Clayton County Womenade: Do you want to show your thanks for your many blessings? Giving to Clayton County Womenade is your opportunity to do it!! Any donation is accepted. This money goes entirely to the support of struggling families referred by agencies in Clayton County. Due to the current pandemic guidelines Clayton County Womenade will NOT hold a gathering this month, but **we still need donations.** Donations may be made at or mailed to Peoples State Bank, 15 Goethe St., PO Box 430, Guttenberg, IA 52052. Donations can also be made through Paypal: Enter womenade@alpinecom.net as the recipient.

If you have information for the bulletin/newsletter, please notify the parish office by Tuesday evening to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us