

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Want what God wants for you

God blesses us when we desire to be in alignment with Him. Sunday's First reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12) does a good job of teaching this to us.

In 1 Kings 3:9 King Solomon asks God for an understanding heart so that he can discern as God would discern. We then see that God's response in verses 10, 11, and 12 is that He is pleased with King Solomon, that he supports his request, that He tells King Solomon that He will do as the king requests ... and then in verse 13 God goes above and beyond and blesses King Solomon beyond his imagination.

The lesson – If you want to be blessed, get in alignment with God's will. It is then that He surprises us and does more than we ask for.

Dear God ... As our people pursue understanding your will in their life, bless them not as they ask, but in ways they never imagined. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

Sunday, July 26, 10 AM

Sunday, Aug 2, 10 AM

Sunday, Aug 9, 10 AM

Sunday, Aug 16, 10AM (FB only)

Sunday, Aug 23, 10 AM

Sunday, Aug 30, 10 AM

In this weekend's readings, Jesus talks about the Kingdom of Heaven as a treasure. Describe the treasures in your life. Ask your family what they believe you value based on the way you live your life?

Reminder: Next weekend(Aug 1/2) is food shelf weekend. Donations may be placed in the totes by the confessional room. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection box marked Food Shelf; mailed to the rectory or made online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Request: If anyone has unopened packages of dust/construction masks willing to sell or donate to the choir please call Gina at 563-213-9021. Thanks!

Public Mass Schedule: July 27– Aug 2, 2020

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

Mon., Jul 27: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jul 28: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger/Vincent & Inez Hoeger

Wed., Jul 29: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg - “St. Martha”
Joanie(Liefefeld) White(1st Anniv) & Charlie Bries

Thur., Jul 30: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Jul 31: [No Mass Scheduled], “St. Ignatius of Loyola”

Sat., Aug 1: VIGIL OF EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Kann/Berns Family
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Frances McLane

Sun., Aug 2: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Pat Scheffert (C.D. of A.)

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

Mass Readings for July 26, 2020:

Reading 1 [1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12](#):

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130](#)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. /R/

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. /R/

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. /R/

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. /R/

Reading 2 [Rom 8:28-30](#)

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Attention all 3rd degree Knights of Columbus!

We are pleased to announce that we are doing a virtual Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree on July 29th @ 7p.m CST. Any 3rd degree that wants to become part of the Patriotic Degree please contact Don Scherbring, Faithful Navigator of the Dubourg Assembly 1573, at 563-252-1556 or email scherbringmkr@hotmail.com. The fee has been reduced from \$70 to \$50. Also, any male age 17.5 and older interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can also join online. Anyone interested can also contact Don Scherbring at the above, Grand Knight Robert Kies at kofc4148@gmail.com or Adam Scherbring District Deputy 16 and Regional Membership Specialist at scherb03@hotmail.com or message the St. Joseph's Council 4148 on their Facebook page @KofC4148

Upcoming Events

Aug 1/2: Food Shelf Weekend

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

Aug 19: SMIC School begins

Aug: 21/22: KC Cookout at Bender's Foods, proceeds will go toward repairing the handicap ramp.

Q: What stays in the corner yet can travel all over the world?

A: A Stamp