

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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God is calling YOU

At this time in our history when there are such extremes in our society (those that are wealthy and those that are poor, those that have more than enough work and those that have none, those that are privileged and those that are being discriminated against), it is comforting to know that the Lord is calling to ALL of us. In Sunday's First Reading Isaiah tells us that the Lord is calling to all of us, that everyone is welcome, and that everyone that comes to Him will be satisfied.

So ... regardless of your situation, regardless of your background, regardless of your ethnicity, come to Him and have your fill, come to Him and be refreshed, come to Him and your life will be changed.

Come to Him!

Dear Lord ... Thank you for calling us, thank you for giving us exactly what we need, and thank you for providing us with true life ... life with you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

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

Public Mass Schedule: Aug 3– Aug 9, 2020

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

Mon., Aug 3: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Aug 4: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Mary Jane Steger

Wed., Aug 5: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
John DeMuth

Thur., Aug 6: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Aug 7: [No Mass Scheduled]

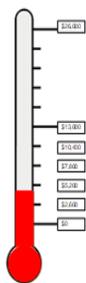
Sat., Aug 8: VIGIL OF NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Ed Burlingame
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Frances McLane

Sun., Aug 9: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Fran Troester

Fall Festival Update:

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Donations are coming in; we have collected \$4,500 toward our goal of \$26,000. That's 17%! The drawing will be held Sunday, September 13. Plans are being worked out for the silent auction.



GOAL: \$26,000

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

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 August 2, 2020:

Reading 1 [Is 55:1-3](#)

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18](#):

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. /R/

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. /R/

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. /R/

Reading 2 [Rom 8:35, 37-39](#)

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel [Mt 14:13-21](#):

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over— twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

"This gospel story is not only a miracle for the purpose of providing the necessary food for the crowd who came to listen to Jesus in a deserted place, it's also a sign to us of the power of God to transform our daily offerings into exponential blessings for the world.

Our goal must not be to determine what we want God to do with our offering; rather, our goal must be to make the offering of all we are and all we have and leave the transformation to God. Sometimes our offering may seem small. It may seem like what we offer will have no benefit. For example, making an offering to God of our mundane daily chores or the like may seem unfruitful. What can God do with this? The same question could have been asked by those with the loaves and fishes. But look what Jesus did with them!

We must daily trust that everything we offer to God, whether it appears to be great or small, will be used by God in an exponential way. Though we may not see the good fruits like those in this story did, we can be certain that the good fruit will be abundant.

Reflect, today, upon every small offering you can make. Small sacrifices, small acts of love, acts of forgiveness, small acts of service, etc., have immeasurable value. Make the offering today and leave the rest to God."

Excerpt from www.mycatholiclife.com

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging(NEI3A) has an extreme need for volunteers in Clayton County, particularly in the communities of Monona, Elkader, and Guttenberg to deliver meals. At this time, frozen meals are delivered once a week on Wednesdays, to help limit contact between volunteers and meal recipients. During the COVID-19 crisis, NEI3A has established safety measures to reduce the risk of exposing both the volunteer and the older individual to the virus. Volunteers are provided with gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer, and meals are done in a contactless delivery. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Kayla Brincks at 563-422-1014.

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.

What am I? You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside.An ear of