

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: **Advocates in the World**, by Alvin Peters

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. For more than two millennia, the faithful have carried out the commandments of Our Lord to love one another and to spread the Good News. Every single day as we carry out this difficult yet momentous task, the Father has provided us with an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with us.

But what is an advocate? According to one definition: it is a person who puts a case on someone else's behalf. The Holy Spirit, especially during times of trouble, is here to comfort us, to help us, to teach us and to inspire us to act.

The Holy Spirit also gives us the gifts we need to serve the Lord and His people in different ways. In other words, He will put a case to the Father on our behalf so that we can accomplish His will.

The Spirit will not remove the trials we face but help us to overcome them so we can find ourselves closer and closer in God's love.

So how do we make ourselves more open to what the Holy Spirit wants us to do? How can we hear Him during times of fear, worry and doubt?

By developing ourselves spiritually through prayer, the Mass, frequent confession and reading scripture. We become less of ourselves as individuals and more like servants of God's will.

For those of us who are beginners or are on a path of rediscovery, there will be trial and error as we figure out what the Spirit wants us to do, but the riches of the Church will not fail us. At times things might seem empty or slow or clumsy. Remember, our Advocate will speak for us when the words or the will falter. Have faith and be determined to make it work.

Craft & Crafting supplies for sale

Friday, June 3, 8 to 4

Saturday, June 4, 8 to 12

St. Mary's Convent, Guttenberg, Iowa.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

I will be leaving on vacation for Montana on Mon., June 13 and returning on Tues., June 21. Fr. Dave Schatz will be covering Masses on June 18 & 19. He is the director of priestly vocations for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. If you are interested in a vocation to the priesthood see him after Masses that weekend. During weekdays, if there is a death, Dyersville priests will cover.

Come celebrate with

Fr. Dennis Koopman OFM 50 plus 2

Jubilee of Priesthood Ordination

Saturday, June 11th, 4pm Mass with dinner to follow at St. Joseph Church, Garnavillo

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



Sunday, June 12 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Rosemary Anne Thorpe

daughter of Colton & Hayley (Kann) Thorpe

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

Mass Schedule: June 6 – June 12, 2022

Mon., Jun 6: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Jun 7: 8:30 A.M. - St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Anita & Tony Schmelzer/Paul Puelz

Wed., Jun 8: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Richard Goerdts & Claude & Claire Frommelt

Thur., Jun 9: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Jun 10: [No Mass Schedule]

Sat., Jun 11: VIGIL OF FEAST OF HOLY TRINITY
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Eileen Walz
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Edwin & Eleanor Frommelt

Sun., Jun 12: FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
Warren 'Shorty' Hefel (Month Mind)
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Charlie R. Bries/Don & Gary Evers

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:2-4

Do you think there was really a “noise like a strong driving wind” at this first outpouring of the Holy Spirit? And do you think there really were “tongues as of fire” that came and rested on everyone? Well, there most likely was! Why else would have it been recorded that way in the Scriptures?

These physical manifestations of the coming of the Holy Spirit were made present for numerous reasons. One reason was so that these first recipients of the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit would have concretely understood that something amazing was happening. By seeing and hearing these physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit they were more properly disposed to understand that God was doing something awesome. And then, upon seeing and hearing these manifestations, they were touched by the Holy Spirit, consumed, filled and set on fire. They suddenly discovered within themselves the promise Jesus made and they finally began to understand. Pentecost changed their lives!

We most likely have not seen and heard these physical manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we should rely upon the witness of those in the Scriptures to allow ourselves to arrive at a deep and transforming faith that the Holy Spirit is real and wants to enter our lives in the same way. God wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, strength and grace so as to effectively live lives that effect change in the world. Pentecost is not only about us becoming holy, it's also about us being given all we need to go forth and bring the holiness of God to all those we encounter. Pentecost enables us to be powerful instruments of the transforming grace of God. And there is no doubt that the world around us needs this grace.

Lord, send forth Your Spirit in my life and set me on fire with the Gifts of Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, I invite You to take possession of my soul. Come Holy Spirit, come and transform my life. Holy Spirit, I trust in You. source: mycatholiclife.com

Dinner question: What gifts would you ask the Holy Spirit for? “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit,” Paul says in this Sunday’s readings. Over dinner, discuss with your family: What gifts would you ask the Holy Spirit for? The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord ([Catechism 1831](#)). What fruits of the Holy Spirit are most “abundant” in our family? The fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity ([Catechism 1832](#)).

SMIC School is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2022/2023 school year: **Elementary Teacher & Middle School Teacher**. Submit resume to eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Please patronize these St. Mary’s volunteers who work at the Bender’s Foods cookout stand they raise funds for their many different church events.

June 10 & 11: St. Anne’s Group
June 17 & 18: St. Mary’s Parish Life
Aug 19 & 20: Knights of Columbus
Aug 26 & 27: St. Mary’s Parish Life

A Stewardship Moment

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God’s word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)

Upcoming Events:

- Concession Stand at Parish Auction, July 16th

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Scrip Sales — ongoing at Peoples State Bank or online
- Calendar Raffle — Tickets available **now** from any SMIC student or see Erin at the school office. \$5000 total payout; \$50-\$1000 prizes; weekly drawings Sept–Dec.; Tickets \$20ea.
- Amazon Smile — ongoing — AmazonSmile is a program that **donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice**. All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no cost to you. Select St Mary IC School. (how to sheets are at the back of church)

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

- Jun 7: CDA Mtg 1:15pm, Monona; Mass with installation of new members and officers at 2:30pm
KC Meeting, 7:30pm, BH
- Jul 16: Auction of Fall Festival Items, 10am

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us