

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that we are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others? The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us. In receiving this transforming presence of Christ, we can truly effect change in the lives of those we meet. We can show them God's unconditional, ever-present love and the beauty that can come from loving others. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go.

I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
SPECIAL MEETING AFTER MASS in
Brinkmann Hall to decided on details of
Fall Festival.

St. Mary **Finance Committee** meeting
Tues, June 8 at 6:30 pm in Brinkmann
Hall and **Parish Council** meeting at 7:30
p.m. in Brinkmann Hall. Packets in back
of church!

Fall Faith Formation Classes
We are looking for a Faith Formation
Director and people to teach classes. If
there are not enough volunteers, Faith
Formation will be home study only in the
fall. Please prayerfully consider sharing
your talents and call the school office, 563-
252-1577, if you would like to help!

Chicken Dinner

Drive Thru or In-Town Delivery

Sunday, June 20, 2021

11am– 1pm

St. Joseph Parish Center,
Garnavillo, Iowa

\$12 per meal

Fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw,
dinner roll, cake and milk or water.

For deliveries call 964-2234

Proceeds to support St. Joseph's Cemetery

Public Mass Schedule: June 7 – June 13, 2021

Mon., Jun 7: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jun 8: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Dec'd of Lawrence Felder Family

Wed., Jun 9: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Charlie & Mary Bries

Thur., Jun 10: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center
Kathleen Bockensedt

Fri., Jun 11: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 12: Vigil of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Anita & Tony Schmelzer
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Joanne Clark & Carolyn Carrier

Sun., Jun 13: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Elizabeth (Hartmann) Miller &
Edwin & Eleanor Frommelt

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: I will be on vacation from late Sunday, June 13 – June 22. I am visiting a priest friend and the groundbreaking for the new church on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation near Havre, Montana. If you need the assistance of a Pastor during this time, please call Deacon Pfaffly at 563-880-9696.

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.” Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

Kid’s Corner:

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Ever since the night Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, God’s people remembered that special night with the Passover meal. They ate flat bread, just as the Israelites did the night they left Egypt. They drank wine, remembering the lamb’s blood that saved the Israelites from the Angel of Death. Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples. As they ate, Jesus taught his disciples that, under God’s new agreement, his own body and blood would save them.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to be truly thankful for the way Jesus gave up his own body and blood to save me from my sins. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up the word “Passover.” As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Sometimes Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, or the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. Talk about how Jesus took our sins away when he died on the cross.

We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don’t we? Hey, maybe we’ve even been that person. “I have a great relationship with God, but I don’t go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own.” There isn’t anything false in these statements. It’s important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don’t matter. Community worship doesn’t matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other. The Body and Blood of Christ — that’s what it’s all about. If it’s not about that, it’s not about anything. If we don’t have the Eucharist, we’re just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don’t have the power to redeem anybody. Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it’s in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated. The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Upcoming Events

June 6, Meeting after Mass regarding Fall Festival, Brinkmann Hall
June 7-10: Faith Formation Religious Education, 2nd Grade 8:30-2:30pm
June 8, Finance Committee, 6:30pm; Parish Council 7:30pm
June 12: First Reconciliation for Faith Formation 2nd graders
June 13: First Communion for Faith Formation 2nd graders