

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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. **In case of sickness or death contact Deacon Pfaffly at 563-880-9696.**

Parish Life is hosting a gathering after Mass in Brinkman Hall on June 19th serving donuts, coffee and juice. Please come!

Meet SMIC's new Principal

Please join us for a community meet, greet and eat with Principal Angi Jones in Brinkmann Hall.

Sunday, June 26th after the 10am Mass

The KCs will host a biscuits and gravy breakfast that morning from 8 to 11:30am Dine In or Drive Thru. Proceeds will go to SMIC teacher/classroom needs.

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 13 – June 19, 2022

Mon., Jun 13: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Jun 14: [No Mass scheduled]

Wed., Jun 15: [No Mass scheduled]

Thur., Jun 16: [No Mass scheduled]

Fri., Jun 17: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 18: VIGIL OF FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo

Earl 'Butch' Meyer

5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg

Robert 'Bob' Hoffmann

Sun., Jun 19: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

People of the Parish

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**

Tony Schissel (C.D. of A.)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Inner Life of God!

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity! The inner life of God! The Greatest Mystery of our Faith!

We all are used to the idea that there is one God. And we fully accept that this one God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On the surface, this seems like a contradiction. How can God be one and three at the same time? It's a mystery that is worth penetrating and contemplating.

First, we need to understand that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three divine Persons. Each one distinct from the other. Each Person has a perfect intellect and free will. Each one is capable of knowing and loving to a perfect degree.

But it is this "perfection" of their ability to know and love that makes them one. They each share in the one divine nature and, within that divine nature, are perfectly united. This means that each one knows and loves the other perfectly. And that knowledge (an act of their perfect intellect) and love (an act of their perfect will) brings about a unity so profound and deep that they live and act as one God.

What's also inspiring to know and understand is that the unity they share by their mutual knowledge and love also offers each one of them perfect fulfillment as a Person. This shows that "personhood" is fulfilled by unity. What a wonderful lesson this is for each of us.

We are not God, but we are made in God's image and likeness. Therefore, we find fulfillment in the same way that God does. Specifically, we find fulfillment in life by our love of others and our free-will choice to enter into a knowledge of each person, forming a communion with them. This will take on different forms depending upon our relationships. Of course, husband and wife are called to share in the deepest unity in imitation of the life of God. But all relationships are called to share in God's life in their own unique way.

Reflect, today, as we celebrate this Trinity Sunday, on the relationships to which God has called you. How completely do you imitate the love of the Trinity in your relationships? Certainly we will all find areas in which to grow. Make a commitment to take another step deeper and, in that step of love, allow God to give you a greater fulfillment as a result.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help me to know You and to love You. Help me to discover the love You share within Your own divine life. In that discovery, help me to also love others with Your heart. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.

source: mycatholiclife.com

Handicap Ramp Project Update

The ramp replacement fund balance is \$40,255. Due to increases in the cost of concrete, the heating system for the ramp floor and the railing, an additional \$14,000 will be needed. If you would like to make a donation, checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus.

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

Today's Psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

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

Upcoming Events: Volunteers are Needed

- Concession Stand at Stars and Stripes, July 2
- Concession Stand at Parish Auction, July 16th
- July 20, Help with the Mobile Food Pantry, St. John Church, 3:45-6pm.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Scrip Sales — ongoing at Peoples State Bank or online
- Raffle — Tickets available **now** from any SMIC student or 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)

Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

Jun 19: Coffee, Juice & Donuts after Mass

Jun 26: KC Breakfast, 8—11:30am

Meet and Greet SMIC's new Principal, Angi Jones after Mass

Jul 5: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, KC Club Room

Jul 16: Auction of Fall Festival Items, 10am

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