

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: **Bless Our Fathers**

Heavenly Father, Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people - and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.
Amen. - *Tony Rossi*

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

I will be returning from vacation 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 on **Sunday, June 26 after 10am Mass**

KC Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In

Sunday, Jun 26, 8:00am—11:30am
Free will donation. **Proceeds to SMIC School Classroom/Teacher Needs**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Mass Schedule: June 20 – June 26, 2022

Mon., Jun 20: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Jun 21: [No Mass scheduled]

Wed., Jun 22: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Julius & Verna Steffen

Thur., Jun 23: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
“Feast of Nativity of John the Baptist”
Bernard Maiers

Fri., Jun 24: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 25: Vigil of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Angeline Berns
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Sherri Westemeir

Sun., Jun 26: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Janice Ulbrich (Anniv.)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: “Mementos and Legacies”

When someone must depart permanently or even for a long time, often they will give a memento or keepsake to a good friend. Sometimes it is one of their own possessions. At other times, it might be something special they purchased for the recipient that they will use. Much larger than a memento is a legacy. A legacy is something that is passed on that will benefit the heir for a long time. It might even benefit others for several generations. Thus, a memento is something by which we remember someone special. It can be as small as a pocket knife, a brooch, or even a ring. A legacy is much greater. It is something that will permanently affect someone’s life and, perhaps, the lives of others for years to come!

Jesus wanted to be remembered by his friends for who he was and for what he said and did. Consequently, on the night before he died, he gathered together his closest friends. But what he gave them was beyond what they could appreciate or understand at that moment. It was far more than a memento or ordinary legacy. It was something eternal and divine! Jesus shared a meal with them. Jesus, as host, actually served them and even washed their feet. Then, at one point, he took bread and wine – He gave thanks to his Father in Heaven, and told his friends that these very simple and ordinary elements were himself! They were his totality –his body, blood, soul, and divinity that were contained in this special bread and wine. The bread and wine were not mere symbols. They were something far more. They were himself! But there was much more. On the next day, Jesus would allow himself to be killed as the ultimate sign of love for his Father and for them. He would be a sacrificial gift to his Father to make up for – to atone for – all of humankind’s offenses and sins! Unfortunately, his friends had no clue, at the time, about the depth of meaning that Jesus wanted to convey to them. However, he asked them to repeat this meal, that they mutually shared, in the future. Repeating that meal would keep them from forgetting Jesus and everything they had learned from his life and teaching. Moreover, he told them to continue remembering him in this way until he returned at the end of time.

As I mentioned earlier, Jesus gave them far more than simple tokens of bread and wine by which to remember him. Jesus gave them a legacy – a legacy they were to pass on from one generation to the next – until his final coming! In today’s first scripture from the Book of Genesis, Melchizedek is a symbol of Jesus. Melchizedek appears out of nowhere and vanishes afterward. He is a sovereign – a king. He is the king of Salem – the king of Peace. He is also a priest of the One, True God –He offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving – a eucharist – for the victory of Abram – And the elements of that offering are bread and wine – And then he is gone – he disappears – never to be mentioned again! To show his gratitude to God, Abram gives a tithe – He gives 10% of everything he possessed. Abram did this because he understood that everything he possessed came from God. Abram was merely entrusted with everything he owned – as are we!

In St. Luke’s Gospel account, Jesus feeds 5000 men – not counting the women and children. Jesus had been healing their suffering bodies with his power. He had also comforted their wounded hearts and souls with his words. Now, he was concerned with their physical hunger. So, he took the few loaves and fish, and gave thanks to God. Then he blessed this meal – enough for only 3 or 4 people – and fed everyone! There even were leftovers! In all scriptural accounts, whenever Jesus ate a meal, he always gave thanks –He blessed what was before him and then shared whatever he had. Every recorded meal of Jesus points to, prepares for, or is a reminder for what he did at that Last Supper. Furthermore, the Last Supper points to and is one – with what Jesus did on the cross on Good Friday. However, the meal we share – the legacy we share – the Mass, itself – makes present the living Risen Christ. Jesus wanted more than just to be remembered. He wanted to be part of our lives every moment of every day. Thus, it is the Risen Christ who is present at every Eucharist – at every Mass. Moreover, the Risen Christ continues to nourish our souls and spirits. He continues to do this until we meet him face to face, when we cross the threshold of death! And so, Brothers and Sisters, let us truly appreciate who Jesus is – and all that he has done for us. May we see our coming to Sunday Mass as something far more than just an obligation –And may we always be part of the legacy that Jesus continues to be for us! Amen.

~Msgr. Russell G. Terra

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

A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus’ powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

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 -\$20 Tickets available from any SMIC student or at the school office. \$5000 total payout; \$50-\$1000 prizes; weekly draws Sep–Dec
- Amazon Smile — ongoing;

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

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

Jun 17/18: Bender’s Cookout Fundraiser for Parish Life, 11am-6pm

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: CDA: Mass at 11am St. Mary; lunch & meeting to follow at Sodes 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