

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Up to the Job

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack so many qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**

Synod Survey Report Available

The Synod Survey Report has been posted on the archdiocesan website at www.dbqarch.org.

This report was sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is the report for the archdiocesan family as well. The report summarizes the significant findings, conclusions and next steps in this work to build parish vibrancy.

Also posted are detailed summaries from each section of the survey (including short answer questions), focus groups and copy of the survey used. This information will provide further details and support for the significant findings and conclusions found in the Synod Survey Report. It will also provide much insight into what the nearly 16,000 participants feel.

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



Saturday, July 9 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Isaiah Axel Arce

son of Carmen Arce

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

Mass Schedule: June 27 – July 3, 2022

Mon., Jun 27: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Jun 28: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Vince & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

Wed., Jun 29: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Ann Olinger & Kathleen Bockenstedt

Thur., Jun 30: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Leon Berns & Pete Davis

Fri., Jul 1: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 2: Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Daniel Meyer & Annette Matt
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Theresa & Herman Mueller

Sun., Jul 3: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Donna Balk & Julie Schlueter

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Being Resolute

When the days for Jesus’ being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. [Luke 9:51-52a](#)

Jesus was “resolutely determined” in His mission to travel toward Jerusalem. The significance of this line can easily be lost.

There are two things to point out about this passage. First, Jerusalem was the destination where He would ultimately die for the sins of the world. It was His place of glorification through the Sacrifice of the Cross. Thus, the disciples did not want Jesus to go to Jerusalem since they knew it was a risk. But Jesus saw through the suffering He would soon endure to the future glory of the Sacrifice He would offer.

Second, the fact that Jesus was “resolute” in His determination to go to Jerusalem and sacrifice His life reveals His courage and perfect love. He did not fear what would happen to Him because He had the bigger picture in mind. He saw the good fruit of the salvation of many souls and this overshadowed any temptation to be deterred from His divine mission.

We can learn much from Jesus’ determination to sacrifice His life in Jerusalem for the salvation of the world. Certainly we should see the fruit of this sacrifice and be eternally grateful for it. But we should also see it as an invitation to imitate Jesus’ actions. In our own lives there are many opportunities we are given to choose a life of selfless sacrifice for the good of others. These opportunities come in many forms, but in the end they are always opportunities of love and self-giving. Though sacrifice will tempt us to flee in a different direction, if we keep our eyes upon the good fruit of all selfless sacrifice, we will be encouraged to be resolute in our determination of love. Reflect, today, upon whatever your “Jerusalem” is. What is it that you are invited to sacrifice your life for out of love. When you discover what it is, look also at your willingness to embrace this sacrifice for the good of others and strive to imitate the firm determination of our Lord.

My determined Lord, I offer my life to You and accept Your invitation to offer my life for the good of others. Give me the courage and determination I need to see the value of selfless living and fill me with unwavering love of Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.
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<p>Auction/Fall Fundraiser Meeting July 9th after 10am Mass Will discuss the auction on July 16th plus the Fall Raffle and Silent Auction fundraiser.</p>	<p>Clarity Clinic Four Person Best Shot Golf Outing Thursday, July 14 Eagle Ridge Resort North Course in Galena, IL Registration at 9:00 and shotgun Tee off at 10:00 \$100/person includes 18 holes, cart, and boxed lunch Prizes, contests and a silent auction Do you or a business you know want to sponsor a hole? Contact Dennis at 557-3123 or dennis@thepregnancycenter.com</p>
<p>Parish Council Meeting Monday, June 27, 2022 6:30pm Finance Meeting 7pm Parish Council</p>	<p><u>Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)</u> <u>Upcoming Events: Volunteers are Needed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concession Stand at Stars and Stripes, July 2 • Concession Stand at Auction of Fall Festival Items, July 16th • July 20, Help with the Mobile Food Pantry, St. John Church, 3:45-6pm. <p><u>Upcoming Fundraisers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; <p>Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469</p>
<p>Parish Life is hosting a gathering after Mass in Brinkman Hall on July 17th serving donuts, coffee and juice. Please come!</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)</p> <p>Jun 26: KC Breakfast, 8—11:30am; Meet and Greet SMIC’s new Principal, Angi Jones after Mass</p> <p>Jul 5: CDA: Mass at 11am St. Mary; lunch & mtg to follow at Sodes KC Meeting, 7:30pm, KC Club Room</p> <p>Jul 9: Auction/Fall Fundraiser Meeting after 10am Mass</p> <p>Jul 16: Auction of Fall Festival Items, 10am</p> <p>Jul 17: Coffee, Juice and Donuts after Mass</p>
<p>A Stewardship Moment In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: “Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service.”</p>	<p>Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us</p>