

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

“Do not be afraid, just have faith.” God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God’s life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.

Fall Festival Update from the Festival Committee: Due to the unknowns of the near future, St Mary will have a silent auction and a drawing as we had last year with a goal of \$26,000. (No dinner or festival games). For the drawing, each \$100 will buy a ticket for the chance to win four cash prizes of \$500 each. The drawing will take place Sept. 12, after the 10:00 am Mass. Tickets can be purchased (**make checks out to St. Mary Fall Festival**):

*online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

* put money in an envelope in the weekend

collection marked Festival, or

*send money to St Mary Church,

PO Box 847

Guttenberg, IA 52052.

General chairperson:

Don Scherbring 563-252-1556

Next meeting: June 26 after the 5:30 pm Mass on SATURDAY!

Please note for tax purposes, monies used to purchase tickets for the drawing are **not** considered a tax deductible contribution. To make a tax deductible contribution, include a note indicating you do not wish to be in the drawing.

Start thinking about donating to our Silent Auction to be held in September with the same format and set up as last year. Asking for new items, handcrafted items anything you feel would do well in an auction. Thank you for consideration on this as it did well last year!

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

Public Mass Schedule: June 28 – July 4, 2021

Mon., Jun 28: [No Mass Scheduled] - “St. Irenaeus”

Tues., Jun 29: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
“Ss. Peter & Paul”
Jack & Norma Eulberg

Wed., Jun 30: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Fran Troester & Sherrie Casey

Thur., Jul 1: 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center
Jackie Spielbauer & Family

Fri., Jul 2: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jul 3: Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass- Fr. Koopman
Bert Behrend & Sharon Berns
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass- Fr. Koopman
Dick Andregg & Germaine Weyant

Sun., Jul 4: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, *Independence Day*
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
People of the Parish



1st Communion, Sunday June 27, 2021

Kiera Lynn Willet—Gau

daughter of Matthew Gau and the late Michelle Willet

GOSPEL MEDITATION: Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, “That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself.” Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God’s embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It’s that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, “Do not be afraid, just have faith.” Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God’s presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God’s tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, “think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are.” This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

**Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments:
Touching the Cloak of Christ**

Look to today’s Gospel and you’ll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn’t have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand. So that’s what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We’re tired and we’re sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn’t matter. Whatever it is, it’s made us weak, and we feel like we’ve run out of options. We’ve looked for help and come up empty. We’ve consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We’re lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help. And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don’t even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That’s something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Upcoming Events

June 25/26: Cookout at Benders Foods to support Catholic Daughters, 11am-6pm

June 26: Fall Festival Meeting, after 5:30pm Mass, Brinkmann Hall

Jul 6: CDA Meeting, Noon at Johnson’s restaurant in Elkader

Jul 6: KC Meeting; 7:30, Brinkmann Hall

Sept 5-26: St. Mary Parish Silent Auction, Brinkmann Hall

Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass

Clayton County Womenade **will hold a gathering this month!!** Bring a sack lunch, your great ideas and lawn chair (if you wish) to the gazebo in the south riverside park in Guttenberg on **Tuesday, July 13 at 12:00 noon. All are invited!**

Kid’s Corner:

SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today’s Gospel reading, Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. The daughter of Jairus was dying, and he knew Jesus could make her well again. While they were walking to his house, she died. Did Jesus give up? No way! Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to keep believing that Jesus could help her. Jesus was even stronger than death. He walked into the house, held her hand, and told her to get up. Jesus admired the faith Jairus had.

PRAYER

Dear God, you are even stronger than death. Help me to have faith in you like Jairus had. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.