

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purifier. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment. When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object?

When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Auction/Fall Fundraiser Meeting July 10th after 10am Mass

Will discuss the auction on July 16th plus the Fall Raffle and Silent Auction fundraiser.

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 Parker

son of Carmen Arce Jamies

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Sunday, July 17 at Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista after Mass

**Piper Ann Ludovissky**

infant daughter of Andrew & Brittini (Borgerding) Ludovissky

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

## Mass Schedule: July 4 – July 10, 2022

**Mon., Jul 4:** [No Mass scheduled]

**Tues., Jul 5:** 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
Anita & Tony Schmelzer  
11:00 AM — St. Mary, Guttenberg;  
honoring Catholic Daughter's patron saint, Maria Goretti  
*CDA living and deceased*

**Wed., Jul 6:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Verna Greenwood & Owen Kann*

**Thur., Jul 7:** 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center  
*Jackie Spielbauer & Family//Leon Berns*

**Fri., Jul 8:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Jul 9:** Vigil of 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Cindy Mueller & Sharon Berns*  
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Loris Kickbush & Kris Stocks*

**Sun., Jul 10:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**  
*Mike & Lorraine Simon & Family*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Courage, Trust and Resolve

“Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” [Luke 10:3-4](#)

One of the hardest things to do in life is to enter into complete trust in God. But this is also one of the most fruitful things we can do for our life of faith. Trust in God is not something we can automatically do, it requires continual surrender and resolve as our Lord invites us deeper.

This passage above begins by Jesus making a powerful statement: “I am sending you like lambs among wolves.” This strong image is meant to reveal that the mission we will be given by our Lord is not something we can do on our own. A little lamb would not do well walking into a pack of wolves...unless the shepherd were right there beside it.

Jesus is not only revealing that His mission will require great courage, but that it cannot be accomplished without Him. Thus, He goes on to offer the practical directive to “Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” If we look at this line from a spiritual point of view, we can hear Jesus saying two things. First, “Rely upon my providence as you go about your mission in life.” Second, “Keep focused upon your final goal and do not get drawn here or there.” It’s not that bringing money with or speaking to strangers are in and of themselves bad ideas; rather, we should hear the deeper spiritual meaning of trust and resolve to fulfill His mission.

Reflect, today, upon how well you do trust in the providence of God as you strive to courageously embrace His will. Reflect, also, upon how fully you are committed to going all the way, resolving to complete the task that our Lord has given you. Recommit yourself to these aspects of a life of faith, and the Good Shepherd will be there every step of the way.

*My Good Shepherd, I do resolve to embrace Your most holy will with all my might. Give me courage, trust and resolve to follow You wherever You lead. I give myself to You, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.*      source: [mycatholiclife.com](#)

### A Prayer for Summer

Creator of all, we thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty we see all around us, and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time we have to be with our family and our friends, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Parish Life is hosting a gathering after Mass in Brinkman Hall on July 17th serving donuts, coffee and juice. Please come!

### 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.

Aug 19 & 20: Knights of Columbus  
Aug 26 & 27: St. Mary's Parish Life

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](mailto:eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**A Stewardship Moment**  
“The harvest is rich,” Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, “but the workers are few.” The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

Draw us closer to You this summer. Teach us how we can pray no matter where we are, or what we are doing. Warm our souls with the awareness of Your presence, and light our path with Your Word and Counsel. As we enjoy Your creation, create in us pure hearts and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.      ~ Author unknown

### 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 Auction of Fall Festival Items, 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)

- Jul 5: CDA: Mass at 11am St. Mary; lunch & mtg to follow at Sodes KC Meeting, 7:30pm, KC Club Room
- Jul 10 Auction/Fall Fundraiser Meeting after 10am Mass
- Jul 16: Auction of Fall Festival Items, 10am
- Jul 17: Coffee, Juice and Donuts after Mass

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: [churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us)