

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Finally! It is starting to feel as though we are coming out of the virus quarantine and as though life could get back to normal. That's the thought that jumped out at me as I reviewed the Responsorial Psalm for this weekend's Scripture Readings, and for me that brought real joy!

Psalm 89: 2a ... Sing the goodness of the Lord

This Psalm encourages us to recognize and rejoice in the Lord's promises that He has fulfilled in our life even as we have endured this virus situation. But we don't have to wait until things get fully back to normal. We can experience that joy right now! The Psalm goes on to say that we are blessed just by knowing the Lord. In other words, ... If we will walk with God in our life, we can experience His joy as a result, no matter what comes against us. Then it goes even further to remind us that not only will the Lord fill us with joy, but He will also be our strength. He will enable us to do whatever needs to be done in our life.

So ... Don't wait! Focus on Him instead of on your struggles and you can recognize His goodness right now! Take heart and praise the Lord!

Dear God ... Touch our people's hearts so that they will recognize your goodness in their life, and sing your praises! I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries



BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

Sunday, July 5 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Natalia Elizabeth Rivera

daughter of Hector and Mary (Scherbring) Rivera
(Permission granted from St. Clare Church, O'Fallon, IL)

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

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

Sunday, June 28, 10 AM

Sunday, July 5, 10 AM

Sunday, July 12, 10 AM

Sunday, July 19, 10 AM (FB only)

A Prayer for America

Father in heaven, We, the people, in the land of the free and home of the brave, desperately need You. Oh that we would leave our ways of seeking to be blessed and instead seek to bless others. We beg for your guidance and wisdom for our leaders. We ask you to protect our land from enemies, both within and without. And we praise you for the freedom we have through the blood of Your Son. May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen.

Fall Festival: Our traditional Fall Festival has been cancelled for 2020. Alternative options are being explored. More details to come.

Public Mass Schedule: June 29- July 5, 2020

Please use sanitizer as you enter church & practice social distancing.

Mon., Jun 29: [No Mass Scheduled] "Ss. Peter & Paul"

Tues., Jun 30: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Mary Jane Steger & Paul Puelz

Wed., Jul 1: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Fran Troester & Sherrie Casey

Thur., Jul 2: 8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

Fri., Jul 3: [No Mass Scheduled] "St. Thomas"

Sat., Jul 4: VIGIL OF FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Lawrence Felder Family
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Loris Kickbush

Sun., Jul 5: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Alfred Klein

Mass Readings for June 28, 2020:

Reading 1 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a: One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19: R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. /R/ Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted. /R/ You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king. /R/

Reading 2 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11: Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Mt 10:37-42: Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Please pray for our First Communicants who will be receiving this sacrament this Sunday, June 28, 2020:

**Immaculate Conception
N. Buena Vista**

Lauren Beck
Gretta & Markie Hefel
Carsen Ludovissy
Tyler Ludovissy
Khloe Mitchell

St. Mary, Guttenberg

Brinlee Arenson
Elyzah Bries
Reid Hansel
Lucas Sadewasser
Anna Westhoff
Brynnlie Bockenstedt
Grant Cherne
Abrym Millard
Kray Walz
Katherine Wilker
Josephine Bockenstedt
Kyle Gebhardt
Stormy Patzner
Jayda Werger
Audrey VanDorn

Special announcement: Limit of one pew for child, parents and godparents with their spouses.

The Knights of Columbus are conducting virtual degrees online until July 1st. Any male catholic 17.5 years and older wishing to join and become a 3rd degree Knight can send a request to membership@iowakofc.org and we will send you the required link to join. This also includes any 1st degree Knights that wish to become 3rd degree Knights. For new members, you can also join online and become an E-member, enter Promo Code GIVE2020 and your membership dues will be donated to the Knights of Columbus program "Leave No Neighbor Behind" and the Supreme Council will match the donation. This program was created to help with Covid19 relief efforts.

Upcoming Events

Jun 26/27: KC Cookout at Benders
Jun 28: 1st Communion
Jul 4/5: Food Shelf Weekend
Jul 24: Divine Worth College Seminary 6th Annual Benefit Golf Outing(Proceeds to student scholarship fund)

If you have information for the bulletin/newsletter, please notify the parish office by Tuesday evening to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us