

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: **Planted in the House of the Lord**

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Drive-thru and Limited indoor seating available; St. Mary Church

**Sunday, Mar 13th**, 8:00am—11:30am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation. Proceeds to the Handicap Ramp Fund



From Dynamic Catholic's Generosity Habit:

### Give Something Away Every Day

"You don't need money or material possessions to live a life of *staggering* generosity. An encouraging word, a smile, a helping hand; Each conveys the message: I see you; I hear you; You matter; I am with you; I care."

Signup to receive daily emails about the Generosity Habit and Best Lent Ever at

[www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

SMIC School is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2022/2023 school year:

**Principal**  
**Elementary Teacher**  
**Middle School Teacher**  
**Art/Music**

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

### Mass Schedule: Mar 7 – Mar 13, 2022

**Mon., Mar 7:** [No Mass Schedule]

**Tues., Mar 8:** – [No Mass Schedule]

**Wed., Mar 9:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 2nd Gr. Mass  
*Intention for Leland Behrend*

**Thur., Mar 10:** 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center  
*Harold Mueller & Owen Kann*

**Fri., Mar 11:** [No Mass Scheduled], Abstinence from meat

**Sat., Mar 12:** Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent  
3:40 P.M. — Way of the Cross, St. Joseph  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*People of the Parish*  
5:10 P.M. — Way of the Cross, St. Mary  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*John/Teresa/Mark Ryan*

**Sun., Mar 13:** Second Sunday of Lent  
8:10 A.M.—Way of the Cross, IC  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
  
9:40 A.M.—Way of the Cross, St. Mary  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**  
*Deceased of Bries/Schlueter Family*  
*Joseph & Clara Nieland*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: Temptations**

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us. ©LPi

\*The **DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT**, “**Not By Bread Alone 2022**” are available in the entry ways of the church.  
 \*The “**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**” will start at 5:10 PM, March 5, and 9:40 AM, March 6, and continue throughout the Lenten season in place of the Rosary. For your participation, the booklets will be available at the entry ways of church.



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

Sunday, March 6 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

**Baylen Mae Ludovissy, age 8**

**Kylie Jo Ludovissy, age 5**

**Duke Clarence Ludovissy, age 2**

children of Justin and Melissa Ludovissy

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

Area Fish Frys:

**March 11:** St. Patrick's, Colesburg; 4:30-7:30pm; Dine in or Carry Out

**March 11:** West Union Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Parish, 4:30-8pm; Dine in/Carryout

**April 1:** St. Mary, McGregor; 4:30-7pm; Drive Thru only

**PRAYER:** Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Feb 27th Parish Festival Minutes**

It was decided that before the disposition of festival items could be discussed, the Parish needs to have an inventory of all Parish property. The following committees were established to conduct an itemized inventory of the storage locations for the next meeting.

- \*Rectory garage and basement - Robert Kies, Rick Johnson, Jim Pfaffly
- \*Ken Deutmeyer's- Place - Ken Deutmeyer
- \*Floyd Westhoff place - Ken Deutmeyer
- \*Church basement - Maggie Schlueter, Jim Schlueter, Beth Sadewasser, Sue Bahls
- \*Old School Basement - John Hartman, Jim Schlueter, Matt Sadewasser
- \*John Ertl's storage unit #13 - Ken Deutmeyer
- \*Convent - Pheobe Johnson, Jane Parker, Pat Kolker, Marge Deutmeyer, Rosalie Kickbush

Next meeting: March 27th after 10AM Mass.

**Upcoming Parish Events . . . .**

- Mar 4: World Day of Prayer, 1pm, St. Mary Church
- Mar 5/6: Food Shelf Weekend
- Mar 8: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Mar 9: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Mar 10: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Mar 13: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am; proceeds to Ramp Fund
- Mar 27: Festival Meeting after 10am Mass

**A Stewardship Moment**  
 Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us