

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY:

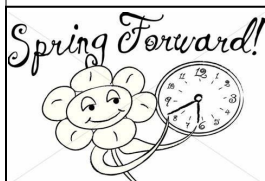
~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

Sometimes we can become so overburdened by the worries of our day that we forget that God is with us. He is present to us in every trial; even the most trivial.

In today's first reading, we hear the Israelites recall with great detail their sufferings that transformed into joy. Out of thankfulness and praise, the Israelites return to God the first bounty from their land. Can you recall a time when you were worried and realized God helped you through this time of struggle? Praise Him right now for it. Try to make it a regular practice to be aware of the generous gifts that God has blessed you with. Doing so may further amplify your great love for Him. May this great love inspire you to avoid sin and be moved to perform acts of charity toward your neighbor.

In today's Gospel, Jesus has gone into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. At each temptation, Jesus has the last word, finally telling the devil that only the Lord is to be worshiped and served. Jesus overcame temptation by remembering that the purpose of His life was to serve God's mission. His obedience to that mission helped Him see through the devil's twisted logic. Jesus's single-minded focus serves as a model for our spiritual focus during Lent. Now is the time for renewed resolve to place God first in our hearts and minds. Christ remains ready today to lead His disciples through temptations and onward to glory.

**Jesus, be my shield and strength in times of temptation!**



Daylight Savings  
Time starts this  
weekend!

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



Sunday, March 9 at St. Mary, Guttenberg, 11am

**Brooks Michael Scott**

son of Chris & Michelle Scott

May you grow in the love & wisdom of Jesus Christ!

## KC Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

**Sunday, March 9; 8-11:30am**

St. Mary Church, Brinkmann Hall  
Drive-thru and Dine In;  
Free will offering.

## Mass Schedule: Mar 10 – Mar 16, 2025

**Mon. Mar 10:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Mar 11:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Wed., Mar 12:** 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Jeanine Gannon*

**Thur., Mar 13:** 8:30 A. M.—River Living Center  
*Cyril & Ann Leliefeld*

**Fri., Mar 14:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *Day of Abstinence*  
*Lynne Finnegan*  
9:00-9:45 A.M. — Confessions

**Sat., Mar 15:** Vigil of 2nd Sunday in Lent  
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Rita Gerner, Larry Ihde, Genn Berns*  
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Peter & Clara Bries Family*

**Sun., Mar 16:** Second Sunday in Lent  
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
*People of the Parish*  
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*  
*People of the Parish*

The KCs have selected **Al Troester** as  
March's Knight of the Month!

Choir Practice will be held Sunday,  
**March 23**, after Mass in the choir  
loft. Do you love to sing? We  
need you! Youth are also  
welcomed and encouraged to participate!  
Let's fill the loft! St. Augustine is often  
quoted: **"He who sings, prays twice"**



Stations of the Cross: During Lent, we  
will pray the stations of the cross on  
Saturday before Mass starting at 5:10pm.  
On Sundays, we will continue to pray the  
rosary starting at 9:40am.

Friends of St Mary's will be serving a  
lenten special on **Friday, March 7th**, 4-7:30  
pm at Sodes (7 Goethe St). Reservations  
are NOT required. Carry out available.  
Call Sodes: 563-252-3301.

## Homily, 1st Sunday in Lent: Being Tempted by the Devil

~Fr. Paul

My dear people of God, temptation is an experience all of us have had and continue to have. We are not the only people to have been tempted. Jesus was also tempted. The gospel today describes by means of images the difficulties he met in trying to be faithful to his father.

The author of the book of Hebrews says that "Jesus was tempted in every way that we are"(Heb 4:15). Today's Gospel illustrates that Jesus was really tempted. The devil tempted him first to turn a stone into a loaf of bread in order to satisfy his hunger making use of his divine powers to benefit himself. Then he was tempted to worship the devil in exchange for wealth, power and glory. And finally, to throw himself down from the temple top to win for himself fast popularity and recognition as Messiah. My dearly beloved in Christ, in a nutshell, the devil tempted Jesus to leave the will of his Father and to do his will.

Jesus knew that the devil tells lies and half-truths. He distributes unhappiness, misery and suffering. He promises people a happiness he himself does not have. So when he tempted Jesus, Jesus used scripture to reject the temptations.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today, we too experience these same temptations. We are tempted to be selfish and greedy; exploiting situations and events to our advantage. We fall to the temptations of self-centeredness. We are tempted to become rich overnight and to seek positions of power so that we can have our will and dominate others. Dearly beloved, like Jesus then, we are tempted to procure the needs of life in ways that go against God's will; to consider human power and glory as something very precious and to ignore God and his plans for us.

My dear people of God, to fight temptation in our life we must use Jesus' strategy. The first weapon is prayer. Jesus prayer of 40 days in the desert helped him overcome temptation. Lent is a time of prayer. The second weapon is the knowledge of the word of God. Jesus used his knowledge of God's word to challenge the devil. Lent is a time for us to read our Bible and to share the word with others. The third weapon is fasting. Jesus fasted and this disciplined himself. Lent is a time of fasting and self-discipline. The fourth weapon was the Spirit. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

My dearly beloved in Christ, Jesus used his temptation to prove his love, obedience and faithfulness to God. Let us use our temptations to prove to God that we are his true and faithful sons and daughters.

May God bless you with a fruitful Lenten season. Amen!

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family:

Now, at the beginning of this Lent, make a list of all the temptations each family member faces at home, at school, at work, in the neighborhood. Next to each temptation write down ways you will work to avoid them. Allow all family members to help one another with suggestions and make a time in each day of Lent to pray for each person as he/she works to resist the temptations he/she faces.

~<http://www.rclblectionary.com>

- Fast from anger & hatred.* Give your family an extra dose of love each day.
- Fast from judging others.* Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
- Fast from complaining.* Instead, close your eyes & recall the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.

### Fish Fries at St. Joseph Parish, Garnavillo

March 14, 21 & 28; serving 5-7:30pm;  
Adults \$15; Kids 5-12 \$10; under 5 free  
Raffle Drawing; Carryouts Available

### 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?

### Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Mar 6: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30 pm, PC

Mar 7: World Day of Prayer, 1pm

Mar 9: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30

Mar 10: Parish Council Mtg, 6:30 pm, PC

Mar 11: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30 am, PC

Mar 12: Faith Formation; 6pm; install Mass servers

Mar 13: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30 pm, PC

Mar 16: Coffee and Donuts After Mass, BH

Mar 19: Sacred Seed Sowers, Book Club, 1pm

Faith Formation Classes, 6pm

Mar 18: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30 am, PC

Mar 19: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm

Mar 20: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30 pm, PC

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