

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: A Masterclass in Evangelization

~Bishop Robert Barron

This Sunday we have the great privilege of hearing the story of the woman at the well, the definitive text on Christian evangelization. Take the time this week for a prayerful reading of this story and notice that as this woman seeks, she's already been found! If only we would surrender to our God who is already always pursuing us! Then, we might realize how the Everlasting Lord is the only one who can quench the otherwise unquenchable thirst of our hearts. Make the effort this Lent to clear a path and set down your old buckets so that the water of Christ's divine life can flow through you.

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."



KC Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In; St. Mary Church

Sunday, March 12, 8-11:30am

Free will donation. Proceeds will go to the Church Doors Replacement Fund

Daylight Savings Time Starts this Weekend,
Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night.

Church Exterior Door Replacement

Project: The door frames of the church's exterior doors are rusting out and are in need of replacement along with the doors. The Knights of Columbus will be coordinating this project. They are in the process of obtaining bids to determine the cost and the proceeds of their monthly breakfasts will go to the Door Replacement fund. They are accepting donations for this project. To make a donation, please place an envelope in the collection basket marked KC Door Fund with your check made out to the **Knights of Columbus**.

On March 19, the "THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S" movie will be presented after the 10:00 AM Mass, in Brinkmann Hall. The Parish Life Committee will provide a **FREE** lite lunch with the movie starting about 11:30. Bing Crosby recreates his Oscar-winning role as parish priest Father O'Malley. Father O'Malley is sent to revive a financially ailing parochial school and finds himself at odds with Sister Benedict on how to educate the children. Beyond their delightful battle of wits lies a bigger problem, the skinflint businessman next door wants St. Mary's condemned, so he can build a parking lot for his employees. It is a very active, lively entertaining movie even if it is 'black & white.'

FROM DESK OF THE PASTOR: General Absolution of Sins at all three linked parishes on March 18 & 19.

Mass Schedule: March 13 – March 19, 2023

Mon., Mar 13: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Mar 14: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Mar 15: 8:30 A.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Loris Kickbush & Grace [Murray] Ruden

Thur., Mar 16: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Mar 17: 4:30 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo, "St. Patrick"
Way of the Cross & Mass,
Kathleen Nieland & Angi Berns

Sat., Mar 18: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent
3:40 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Way of the Cross
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Cindy Mueller & Leon Berns
5:10 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg, Way of the Cross
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Sherrie Westemeier & Tom Tujetsch

Sun., Mar 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:10 A.M. – IC, N. Buena Vista, Way of the Cross
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
Elmer Henkels (Month Mind)
9:40 A.M.— St. Mary, Guttenberg, Way of the Cross
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass. *Live Streamed*
Dec'd of Frommelt/Broekman/Schlueter/Bries Fam.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Reflection questions for Jesus Speaks to the Samaritan Woman at the Well

Jesus spoke to a woman and an outsider

The woman Jesus chose to interact with was a Samaritan. Samaritans were considered outsiders and were looked down on by the Jewish people. And she was a woman, and so was also looked down upon at this time.

- Who do I consider outsiders? Immigrants? Homeless? The unpopular group at school? People whose skin color or culture is different from my own?
- Am I comfortable interacting with outsiders? Would I be willing to initiate a conversation? Why or why not?
- What do I find most difficult about breaking down barriers between myself and others?
- Do I treat people of the opposite gender with respect? Or do I engage in activities which reduce them to objects?
- What are some benefits from forming relationships with people who are different from myself?

Jesus offers eternal satisfaction to the woman at the well

Jesus told the woman at the well that if she drank of what he offered that she would never thirst. Only God can truly satisfy our desires. Jesus offers himself to us at every mass in the Eucharist.

- How do I spend my time, money, and energy? Do these things bring me lasting satisfaction or temporary pleasure? Think about things like social media, sports, prayer, clothes, food, digital media, recreational activities, friendships, family, etc.
- Do I prefer to be with people who draw me closer to God or those who make it harder for me to grow in relationship with God? Why?
- How often do I spend time in prayer each day? What might make my prayer life more satisfying?
- What do I experience at Mass? How does my participation at Mass influence my experience?

The woman at the well spreads the good news to her neighbors

After her encounter with Jesus, the woman at the well goes to her neighbors and enthusiastically tells them about him.

- Am I willing to talk about my faith with my friends and neighbors?
- What are the main things I want others to know about Jesus?
- If I talk about Jesus, am I willing to share my personal stories or do I prefer to speak more generally? Why?
- What makes it difficult to talk to my friends about Jesus? What do I fear? Why?

Volunteers Needed . . . St. Mary Parish is looking for volunteers for decorating the altar & church; training provided and for repairing/painting the nativity set animals & figures. Please call the parish office for more info, 252-1247.

St. Pat’s Dispensation from Archbishop Jackels:

Those of us who are 14 years of age and older are obliged by Church law to practice the penance of abstaining from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. This tradition helps us to remember how Jesus loved us and gave himself up to death for our salvation, as well as to inspire us to imitate Jesus’ loving gift of self by an act of penance or charity.

However, as St. Patrick’s Day this year falls on a Friday of Lent, and as celebrations often include serving meat, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat on that day.

Those people who take advantage of this dispensation are encouraged to perform some other good work, for example, participating in Holy Mass that day, or abstaining from watching television, or donating to charity the same amount of money spent on food and beverage at the St. Patrick Day celebration.

Begging the intercession of St. Patrick, who brought the Gospel to people in Ireland, may we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who inspires and perfects our faith.

A Stewardship Moment

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

St. Joseph’s Lenten Fish Fry, March 10 & 17;
5-8pm;
\$15 adults; \$10 ages 5-12 and under 5 free

Upcoming Parish Events

- Mar 9: Scripture Study, 6:30pm
- Mar 11: Keystone Acapella Choir will sing at 5:30pm
- Mar 12: KC Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast, 8-11:30am
Sunday School for PK, K, 1st; 9:45-10:45 am
- Mar 14: Scripture Study, 8:30 am
- Mar 15: Faith Formation and First Reconciliation; 6pm
Youth Ministry, 6:15pm
- Mar 16: Scripture Study, 6:30pm
- Mar 19: The Bells of St. Mary’s Movie after 10am Mass
Sunday School for PK, K, 1st; 9:45-10:45 am
- Mar 21: Scripture Study, 8:30 am
- Mar 22: Faith Formation/Youth Ministry, 6 and 6:15pm
- Mar 23: Scripture Study, 6:30pm
- Mar 25 2nd grade Bread Making /First Communion
practice 9am-Noon
- June 4: Celebration of Fr. Bries’ 50th Jubilee of
Priesthood Ordination