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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day. Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits? If you’re struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

*What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you’ll hear it more than once.

*What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

*What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

*What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

*What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Spring Ahead This Weekend!



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



Mass Schedule: Mar 14 – Mar 20, 2022

Mon., Mar 14: [No Mass Schedule]

Tues., Mar 15: – [No Mass Schedule]

Wed., Mar 16: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 1st Gr. Mass
Kathleen Bockenstedt & Shirley Kann

Thur., Mar 17: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Jackie Spielbauer & Family//Owen Kann

Fri., Mar 18: [No Mass Scheduled], Abstinence from meat
FULL MOON

Sat., Mar 19: Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent
3:40 P.M. — Way of the Cross, St. Joseph
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Bert Behrend/Henry Mueller
5:10 P.M — Way of the Cross, St. Mary
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Sherri Westemeier

Sun., Mar 20: Third Sunday of Lent
8:10 A.M.—Way of the Cross, IC
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of Parish
9:40 A.M.—Way of the Cross, St. Mary
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Earl ‘Butch’ Meyer

March 16 Prayer Service for Ukraine

The current war in Ukraine is cause for great concern for the whole world. Pope Francis has encouraged us to pray for peace. Archbishop Jackels will preside at a live-streamed Archdiocesan prayer service at St. Raphael Cathedral on Wednesday, March 16 beginning at 6:30 pm and concluding at 7:30 pm. Join us for part or all of the prayer service. A collection to assist the refugees of Ukraine will be announced. Let us pray for peace! To participate virtually, visit www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Joy at the Transfiguration

Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” [Luke 9:33](#)

Peter was excited, perhaps beyond any excitement he had experienced before. In fact, to say he was excited is most certainly an understatement. It may be more appropriate to say that he was overwhelmed! Why was this the case? Because he had just been given a very small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God!

This is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. But the mountain is a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it’s an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

So they were on this difficult climb up the mountain and suddenly they stopped in shock and awe. They saw before their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing being whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and the great Prophet, were there before them conversing with Jesus.

And what was going on in Peter’s head? What was he experiencing? He was experiencing a small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. And with the lifting of that veil, His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain. And Peter, James and John did not know what to think. But Peter cried out that he wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah! For within that momentary experience, he experienced the desire to remain there forever.

So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because on the summit is a glory so great that no hardship they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big.

God wants to give that message to us through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey.

Reflect, today, at the beginning of Lent, on the glory of God that makes the crosses we endure all worth it. Take advantage of this experience of Peter, James and John and try to make their experience your own. Be consoled by God’s glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to all who press on.

My transfigured Lord, may I be consoled by Your glory and splendor. May I believe in this glory and keep it ever in my mind as I press on through the hardships and challenges I face. You travel the road ahead of me and You will lead me on my journey if I only trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You! [mycatholiclife.com](#)

On March 20th, the Parish Life Committee will be presenting the movie, “**The Girl Who Believes in Miracles,**” in Brinkmann Hall, after the 10:00 AM Mass with a **FREE** light luncheon prior to the movie. Movie will start at approximately 11:30.

Movie Summary: Unlike most people, young Sara Hopkins is willing to take God at His word. So, when she hears a preacher say faith can move mountains, she starts praying. What begins with a mysteriously healed bird leads to people suddenly cured of their misery and misfortune all over town. But the overwhelming crush of notoriety and press attention soon takes its toll on Sara. Will her family be able to save their miracle girl before it's too late?

A Stewardship Moment

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)

We are a group of parents, grandparents, teachers, alumni, and parishioners that are interested in keeping SMIC school vibrant and connected to the parish community. This group’s purpose is to facilitate and enrich the academic environment of the school, to promote extracurricular activities for the students of SMIC and to assist with fundraising.

Next meeting is March 16th at 5:30pm in the Middle School. Anyone who has in interest in SMIC school is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Mass, April 3 and KC Breakfast proceeds to SMIC school
- April 13, 8th grade Passion Play

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Candy Bar Sales: March 24-April 14th, \$1 ea
- Spring Rummage/Bake Sale: April 29th 8am-6pm; April 30, 8am-12.
- Script Sales — ongoing

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Upcoming Parish Events . . . (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

Mar 12/13: Food Shelf Weekend
Mar 13: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am; proceeds to Ramp Fund
Mar 15: Scripture Study, 8:30am, BH
Mar 16: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm, BH
Mar 17: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, BH
Mar 20: Parish Movie, “**The Girl Who Believes in Miracles,**” BH after Mass
Mar 27: Festival Meeting after 10am Mass
Apr 24: First Communion

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