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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name." By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

Adults are invited to join the Youth Ministry group on Wed., March 24th for an hour of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7 p.m. Prior to the event, you are also invited to write down your sins on a piece of paper and place in an envelope. Sins will be burned in front of the altar and general absolution of them given at the end.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to remember family members, our three linked parishes would appreciate these wonderful gifts for our Easter celebration. Please place gift in envelope and mark in memory or honor of. Donations should be made by April 2nd.



Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

SPRING DRIVE-THRU BREAKFAST

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

~ serving 8am-12 Noon ~

Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage, Ham,
Hashbrowns, Cinnamon Roll and Milk
\$10.00 per Carry-out Meal

Vendors present in hall

Youth Ministry Events/Activities

Youth Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm., with a meal at 6:30.

March 24th- Adoration and Reconciliation

March 31st- practice for Live Passion.

Good Friday, Apr 2, 3 PM—Live Passion

April 9: Registration and \$125 deposit due for the **National Catholic Youth Conference** which will be Nov. 18-21.

God of reconciliation, during Lent, teach us to be true friends of one another and especially those who are in need. Guide us in being generous and forgiving. May we follow faithfully, speak courageously, and live joyfully the Good News of Jesus Christ who brings peace to our world.

World Day of Prayer – Monday, March 22 at 1pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, Guttenberg. All are invited to participate.

Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.



Public Mass Schedule: Mar 22 – Mar 28, 2021 Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., Mar 22: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Mar 23: 8:30 A.M. —St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Paul Puelz & Amy Hoeger

Wed., Mar 24: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 4th/5th Grade
Carolyn Carrier
7:00 PM — Adoration and Reconciliation

Thur., Mar 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord
2:30 P.M. – Guttenberg – SMIC
"Shadows" Stations of the Cross

Fri., Mar 26: [No School]

Sat., Mar 27: VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo - Mass
Tracy Werges
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Bill & Kay Vogt

Sun., Mar 28: PALM SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Nick Westhoff

Reminder that palms will be distributed after Mass to worshippers and drive-bys on Sat. & Sun. at Guttenberg

Mass Readings for March 21, 2021:

Reading I, [Jer 31:31-34](#) : The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm, [51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15](#) : R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **R.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you. **R.**

Reading II, [Heb 5:7-9](#) : In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory [Jn 12:26](#)**

Gospel, [Jn 12:20-33](#) : Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus’ example, you won’t be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.

Upcoming Events

- Apr 1:** Holy Thursday, 5:30pm, Guttenberg
- Apr 2:** Good Friday, 3pm Live Passion, Gberg
- Apr 3:** Holy Saturday, 4pm, Garnavillo only
- Apr 4:** Easter Sunday, 8:30am, Buenie
10:00am, Guttenberg
- Apr 6:** CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall
- Apr 9:** Deposit Due for NCYC
- Apr 11:** 1st Communion, SMIC Gr.2

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



Sunday, Mar 21 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Ayven Victoria Kann

daughter of Rich & Hayle [Bockenstedt] Kann



Sunday, Mar 21 at St. Mary, Guttenberg, 1 pm

Keira Lynn Willet-Gau

daughter of Matthew & (the late) Michele [Willet] Gau

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

Holy Cross Parish Drive-Thru Fish Fry, Fri, Mar. 26, 5-8:30pm. Meal(cod loins, baked potato, corn, coleslaw, roll, dessert): \$13

The KCs would like to thank all who supported their breakfast this past Sunday!