

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Prayer for Ukraine

How do we pray for peace from half a world away? How can words salve and soothe real wounds,

Assuage real fears, wipe tears from real eyes? God of endless compassion, transform our prayers

From words into bridges, that span the distances between us, uniting our hearts in yours.

Every time we turn our keys in a lock, may we remember all who are losing their homes.

Every time we step into our cars, may we remember all who are having to flee.

Every time we embrace our children, May we remember all who are trying to shield theirs from war.

May our besieged sisters and brothers be drawn into the arms of the suffering Christ,

And may our cry be heard as one voice, ringing out from every corner of the earth:

God of endless mercy, grant us peace. Amen.

<https://www.jesuits.org/a-prayer-for-peace>

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

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

Sunday, Apr 3, 8:00am—11:30am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation.



Proceeds to SMIC School

Youth Ministry will be having **Adoration and Reconciliation** on Wednesday, April 6th from 7-8pm. All are welcome!



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

Sunday, April 3 at Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista – after Mass **Evelyn Mae Meyer** daughter of Alex & Molly (Errthum) Meyer

Sunday, April 3 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass **Alma Eloise Berns** daughter of Paul & Nicole (Goeddeke) Berns

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

The crafting ladies are selling their inventory of craft supplies—ribbons, fall, Christmas items, garlands, wreaths, etc. For more information please contact Margie Deutmeyer 563-252-1569

Holy Week Schedule



April 14th – Holy Thursday
5:30pm, St. Mary, Guttenberg

April 15th – Good Friday
3:00pm, St. Mary, Guttenberg

April 16th – Holy Saturday
4:00pm, St. Joseph, Garnavillo

April 17th – Easter Sunday
8:30am, N. Buena Vista
10:00am, St. Mary, Guttenberg

Mass Schedule: Apr 4 – Apr 10, 2022

Mon., Apr 4: [No Mass Schedule]

Tues., Apr 5: [No Mass Schedule]

Wed., Apr 6: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 5/6th Grade
Ann Olinger & Annie Ries

Thur., Apr 7: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Harold Mueller & Owen Kann

Fri., Apr 8: [No Mass Scheduled], Abstinence from meat

Sat., Apr 9: Vigil of 6th Sunday of Lent
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Cindy Mueller & Barb Mohning
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Bernice Haas

Sun., Apr 10: Palm Sunday
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Arthur Herman & Tom Tujetsch

A simple prayer “formula” for children:

Sign of the Cross

God, we praise you. You are good. Thank you for loving us.

Jesus, I lift up _____ and their needs to you.

Please (ask for specific need).

Bless _____, and help them to know that YOU are with them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Wisdom that Comes with Age

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. [John 8:7-9](#)

This passage comes from the story of the woman caught in adultery when she is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her stoning. His response is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter the tender mercy of Jesus.

But there is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked. It is the line that states, “...beginning with the elders.” This reveals an interesting dynamic within human communities. Generally speaking, those who are younger tend to lack the wisdom and experience that comes with age. Though the young may find it hard to admit, those who have lived a long life have a unique and broad picture of life. This enables them to be far more prudent in their decisions and judgments, especially when it comes to the more intense situations in life.

In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Emotions are high and these emotions clearly cloud the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

Reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realize. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.

Prayer for the young: Lord, give me a true respect for my elders. I thank you for their wisdom stemming from the many experiences they have had in life. May I be open to their counsel and be guided by their gentle hand.

Prayer for the elder: Lord, I thank You for my life and for the many experiences I have had. I thank You for teaching me through my hardships and struggles, and I thank You for the joys and loves that I have encountered in life. Continue to pour forth Your wisdom upon me so that I may help guide Your children. May I always seek to set a good example and lead them according to Your Heart. Jesus, I trust in You. source: mycatholiclife.com

SMIC Spring Rummage/Bake Sale will be Apr 29th/30th. Donations of **clean usable** items will be accepted beginning Apr 25th or call Lisa Kies(563-880-1946) to make arrangements. No TVs! Volunteers also needed to setup that week.

Let’s all use the St. Mary/IC School Scrip Program
Did you know St. Mary/IC School has a Scrip fundraising program that provides money for tuition assistance and school expenses that **ANYONE** can use--parents, grandparents, parishioners or non-parishioners. Simply stop by Peoples State Bank and purchase gift cards for Benders, Casey’s, Fareway or Kwik Star. Help a family/help the school — **It’s a win/win!**

A Stewardship Moment
In today’s second reading, St. Paul says, “For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth.” Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

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

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Mass, April 3 and KC Breakfast proceeds to SMIC school
- April 13, 8th grade Passion Play
- April 20, PPA Meeting, 5:30pm Middle School

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Candy Bar Sales: March 24-April 14th, \$1 ea; see any SMIC student or stop by the school office daily between 8 and 8:30am.
- Spring Rummage/Bake Sale: April 29th 8am-6pm; April 30, 8am-12.
- Scrip Sales — ongoing

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Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

- Apr 3: **KC Breakfast, 8:00-11:30am, Proceeds to SMIC School**
Youth Mass, 10am
- Apr 5: CDA Mtg, Noon, Monona
KC Mtg, 7:30pm, BH
- Apr 6: Youth Ministry, Adoration & Reconciliation 7-8pm, All are welcome
- Apr 9: **Belgian Waffle Supper, St. Joe, Garnavillo; 5-7pm, Freewill offering**
- Apr 10: **Palm Sunday Breakfast, Immaculate Conception, 8-Noon**
- Apr 13: 8th Grade Passion Play
- Apr 17: Easter Sunday
- Apr 20: PPA Meeting, 5:30pm, Middle School
- Apr 24: First Communion

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