

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY:

~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

The Church gives us fifty days to contemplate how the Lord draws us close, feeds us and empowers us to be living witnesses of joy. Pope Francis shared this wisdom: "Jesus is able to feed everyone. The Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal. Jesus can do a lot with our prayers, gestures of kindness, and offering up our suffering, working miracles with them. This is how God loves to act. He does great things, starting from those small things, those freely-given ones."

Lifting up a prayer before each event we experience reminds us that it is God who gives the abundance we need. It calls upon the Lord for a special blessing and no prayer is ever unheeded. Say a little prayer asking for God's blessing and you might be surprised by the result.

"And none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they realized it was the Lord."
John 21:1

The Knights of Columbus are having a 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree exemplification this Sunday at St. Mary after the 10am Mass. Interested in joining the Knights? Contact any KC member or Don Scherbring at 563-252-1556.

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



Sunday, May 4 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo, 2pm

Warren Henry Brandel

Son of Kory & Sydney Brandel

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

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the GMHC Family Resource Center Food Pantry. Please note non-perishable food and paper products can be placed in the totes at the back of church anytime.

DMI Survey Results

Fr. Paul and parish leaders are reviewing the survey results and during the month of May we will be releasing info around the Four Factors of a Thriving Parish.

The first factor is Leadership. Our strengths in this category show 80% of parishioners would recommend our parish and its staff to others and that our parish provides opportunities to serve those in need. Recommendations from you are a key contributor to a thriving parish and we encourage you to continue to invite others to join us. A personal invitation is the most powerful tool for engaging others.

The results in this factor also show that 40% of parishioners would like more involvement in decisions that affect the future of the parish and they also feel we can do a better job of following up when they express an interest in being more involved. Our parish leaders are working on ways we can improve in these areas.

Mass Schedule: May 5 – May 11, 2025

Mon., May 5: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., May 6: 8:30 A.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Joseph Schmelzer & Rita Gerner

Wed., May 7: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Gary Kann

Thur., May 8: 8:30 A.M. Mass—River Living Center
Roger Steffen

Fri., May 9: 8:30 A.M. Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jo Thein

Sat., May 10: Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Norbert & Lucil Kuehl
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Albert & Regina Schlueter Family
Dec'd of Kann/Kolker Family

Sun., May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter
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

Homily, Third Sunday of Easter: It is the Lord!

~Fr. Paul

My dear people of God, as we focus on the person of Jesus, we discover him to be a very powerful personality. Firstly, after a night of fishing, the Apostles who are fishermen by profession, caught nothing. All their struggles and efforts, were fruitless. But when Jesus guided them and they obeyed his instruction they netted so many fish that they could not haul it in. Here we see the power of Jesus’ word.

Beloved in Christ, secondly, we see Jesus cooking breakfast for the Apostles. This is a clear expression of his love for the Apostles. Not only had he personally had the meal of bread and grilled fish ready but he pressed them to eat: “Come on, children, have breakfast.” (John 21:12) Here we see the power of Jesus love. The meal symbolizes the Eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them.

Thirdly, Jesus entrusted into Peter’s care a very important task that demanded of Peter an extraordinary love for Jesus. Peter, who three times denied his Master is now given three chances to profess his love and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord’s flock. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his church not on human strength but on his own love and faithfulness. Peter would spend his life dragging another net, the net of the Church towards the shores of heaven. It would contain numerous people from all nations and all times. There is a place for each person in the Church.

My dear people of God, the Risen Lord now lives with the Father but he has not abandoned us, his disciples. He is present with us and he wants to direct our lives and work through his word. To realize the Lord’s presence among us, we must learn a lesson the Apostles themselves had to learn: bodily senses, eye or ear, human qualities are of no use to discover the presence of the Risen Lord. Faith in the Risen Lord is always a gift and God grants it only to those who in humility make themselves ready to receive it.

May the Risen Lord bless you! Amen.

Please consider this your personal invitation to the **St. Mary School Alumni Banquet: June 7, 2025**
Calling all High School and Grade School graduates, former students, families, friends, faculty, staff and supporters this is your time to reconnect and celebrate our legacy!

Mass: 5:30 p.m., Social hour begins at 6:15 p.m., Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$20.00 at the door.

Join us as we showcase yearbooks, photographs and cherished memorabilia from our shared past. Honoring **high school classes** of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965; **8th grade classes** of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020

Considering a class reunion? Let us host your gathering and make it an unforgettable night filled with memories and laughter. Mark your calendars and spread the word-we can’t wait to celebrate with you.

Reservations are DUE by: Friday, May 30, 2025 to:
Phoebe Johnson at 563-880-4767 or Beth Sadewasser at 563-880-2743 or Austin Greve at agreve@alpinecom.net
St. Mary’s Alumni, P.O. Box 982, Guttenberg, IA 52052
FB: St. Mary’s School of Guttenberg Alumni

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; First Wednesday of the month starting June 4 from 9am—7pm. More info in next week’s bulletin.

Stephen Ministers visit St. Mary’s members weekly to care and listen when life brings uncertainty or painful changes. If someone you know might benefit from confidential weekly visits, please contact Becky Shaffer at 319-393-1234.

A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, “If you love Me, feed my sheep.” He says the same to each of us, “If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters”

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

May 4: KC Exemplification after Mass
Patriotic Rosary, 5:30pm

May 5: Liturgy Mtg, 9:30am, PC

May 6: CDA, Noon at Monona

May 7: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC

May 18: Coffee & Donuts after Mass

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