

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don’t have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Upcoming Meeting. . .

There will be a **Parish Council, Finance and Festival meeting on May 15th** after the 10:00 am Mass. Meeting will start at approximately 10:50am. The goal of this meeting is to set the date and location of the auction. The group to save the convent is invited to have one or two spoke persons give an update about the convent.

~ Don Scherbring

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

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

Saturday, May 14 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo during Mass

Rhys Zachary Mueller

son of Zachary & Katherine (Werges) Mueller



Sunday, May 22 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Raina Marie Susice

daughter of Marcus & Megan (Sadewasser) Susice

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

Mass Schedule: May 16 – May 22, 2022

Mon., May 16: 10:30 AM—Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
Funeral Mass for Warren Hefel

Tues., May 17: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Vincent & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

Wed., May 18: – [No Mass Scheduled]
SMIC SPRING CONCERT, 6pm St. Mary Church

Thur., May 19: 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center
Verna Greenwood & Owen Kann

Fri., May 20: [No Mass Schedule]

Sat., May 21: Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Harold Mueller (1st Anniv.) & Patricia Niehaus (1st Anniv.)
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Sun., May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Lynne Finnegan (1st Anniv.) & Tom Tujetsch (1st Anniv.)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Glorification Through Suffering

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.” [John 13:31](#)
 It is essential to know the end of the story. Jesus knew the end when He spoke these words to the Apostles at the Last Supper right after Judas left to go and betray Him. It’s important to put this situation within the context that Jesus understood it. From a purely human point of view, one of Jesus’ closest friends was about to betray Him for money. For most of us this would have been devastating and the cause for anger and hurt. But because Jesus knew the end of the story, He was able to see Judas’ betrayal as the means to His glorification, not His defeat. He turned His eyes toward Heaven and all that He would accomplish through His suffering rather than look at the immediate pain He would soon endure.

This is a powerful lesson for us all. First, it’s essential that we look at Jesus’ glorification through His betrayal, suffering and death. But we must also strive to see the potential that our own sufferings have when united to the Savior of the World.

How do you react when another sins against you? How would you have reacted to Judas betraying your love? This is a very difficult question to face in honesty and it is even harder to live the response that Jesus lived. The truth is that every time we are mistreated by another, we are given an opportunity to glorify God and further the Kingdom of Heaven by forgiving, uniting our suffering with Christ’s, and offering mercy. This is much easier to speak about than to live.

Reflect, today, upon this scene of the Gospel. Gaze upon Judas leaving the Last Supper and going out into the night to betray our Lord. But look at it in the way Jesus saw it. Look at it with the understanding that this was the means chosen by the Father to bring salvation to the world. Reflect, also, upon every opportunity that you are given to do as Jesus did. Try to be concrete and specific and see any and every suffering you endure as a glorious opportunity to dispense the mercy of God. Though this may be difficult at first, it is this act of love that will give great glory to the Father in Heaven!

Confirmation Class of 2022 

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten me,
 guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Kaden [Michael] Arneson
 Kayla [Juliana Falconieri] Breitbart
 Avery [Francis of Assisi] Dean
 Gabriel [Gabriel] Cook
 Lily [Anne] Cook
 Connor [Adrian] Errthum
 Keira [Leo] Willet-Gau
 Christopher [Patrick] Gebhardt
 Madison [Ann] Goedken
 Caden [Anthony] Heidemann
 Colton [John] Hoeger
 Pfeiffer [Pelagia] Horns
 Spenser [John of the Cross] Horns
 Colton [John] Kolker
 Nolyn [Thomas] Kolker
 Dominique [Sebastian] Mast
 Kamyia [Anne] Millard
 Elizabeth [Anastasia] Rausch
 Caylee [Cecilia] Rohner
 Allysa [Clare of Assisi] Sadewasser
 Kholee [Francis of Assisi] Schmidt
 Reese [Catherine] Steffen
 Tonya [Ann] Stewart
 Sunny [Irene] Turner
 Landon [Stephen] Vonderhaar
 Gabriella [Gabriel] Wilker

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5

My dear Lord, You were betrayed by the kiss of one of Your closest friends. But in Your perfect wisdom, You saw this betrayal as the perfect opportunity to glorify the Father through Your mercy and forgiveness. Lord, I also have betrayed You countless times. For that reason I am sorry. But I thank You for loving me and forgiving me with Your Heart of perfect mercy. Help me to receive that mercy and to offer it to others who have sinned against me. Jesus, I trust in You.
 source: mycatholiclife.com

A Stewardship Moment
 In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples - and us - a new commandment:
 “Love one another.”
 Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

During the month of May, decorated crosses for Memorial Day will be for sale after the 5:30 pm and 10:00 am Masses in the back of church. 

Friends of St. Mary IC PPA (Parents, Parishioners, Alumni)
Upcoming Events:
 • May 18, SMIC Spring Concert, 6pm
 • May 24, SMIC Talent Show, 2:30pm
 • May 25, PPA Meeting, 5:30pm Middle School
Upcoming Fundraisers:
 • Scrip Sales — ongoing
 • Coming Soon — Calendar Raffle
 Mandy Ludovissy, 563-880-8860; Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946; Jane Parker, 563-880-5469

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)
 May 15: Parish Council, Finance, Festival Meeting, 10:50am, BH
 May 29: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Breakfast
 Jun 7: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, BH

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