

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing sighs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, deepen our love and renew our hope.

*So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20*

### Belgian Waffle Breakfast with all the fixings!

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 8:30 AM  
St Mary's Church Guttenberg  
Free Will Donation!

Knights of Columbus along with Youth Ministry students will host a Belgian Waffle breakfast with proceeds benefiting Youth Ministry.

Limited seating with curbside pickup and carry out options.



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

Sunday, May 16 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass  
**Archer Rhodes Parker**

son of Justin & Ashley (Maitland) Parker

Permission to baptize from pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary of Minnetonka, MN.

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

### Public Mass Schedule: May 17 – May 23, 2021 Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

**Mon., May 17:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., May 18:** 8:30 A.M. —St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass  
*Vincent & Inez Hoeger*

**Wed., May 19:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 3rd Grade  
*Bryon Olinger & Veryl Voss*

**Thur., May 20:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Fri., May 21:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., May 22:** VIGIL OF FEAST OF PENTECOST  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass  
*Barb Mohning*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass  
*People of Parish*

**Sun., May 23:** FEAST OF PENTECOST  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*  
*Vernon & Joyce Cherne*

### A Prayer for Graduates

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education.

Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education.

Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps.

Show them how to serve others in effective ways.

And may they be always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.

Amen.

## Mass Readings for May 16, 2021:

**Reading I, [Acts 1:1-11](#)** : In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

**Responsorial Psalm. [Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](#)** : **R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.** All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. **R.**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. **R.**

## Reading II, [Eph 1:17-23](#) :

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.** Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. **R.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.** [Mt 28:19a, 20b](#)

**Gospel, [Mk 16:15-20](#)** : Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

## Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too. But let’s not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I’ve always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn’t going to build itself! In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don’t we? We’re the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can’t move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us. But let’s remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn’t going to build itself. Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What’s the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Youth Ministry Meetings

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30-8pm

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30-8pm

## Upcoming Events . . . .

May 16: Belgian Waffle Breakfast to support Youth Ministry

June 7-11: Faith Formation Religious Education Program, 8:30-2pm

June 12: First Reconciliation for Faith Formation 2nd graders

June 13: First Communion for Faith Formation 2nd graders



SMIC Spring Concert  
Wednesday, May 19, 6pm