

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: **Management According to the Apostles**

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different. Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor. The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master? In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while

helping newcomers find avenues to salvation. Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use. — Tracy Earl
Welliver, MTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

I will be leaving on vacation for Montana on Mon., June 13 and returning on Tues., June 21. Fr. Dave Schatz will be covering Masses on June 18 & 19. He is the director of priestly vocations for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. If you are interested in a vocation to the priesthood see him after Masses that weekend. During weekdays, if there is a death, Dyersville priests will cover.

Craft & Crafting supplies for sale

Friday, June 3, 8 to 4

Saturday, June 4, 8 to 12

St. Mary's Convent, Guttenberg, Iowa.

A Memorial Day Prayer

They served and fought and died so that we might be safe and free. Grant them, O Lord, eternal peace and give them the victory. And in these days of unrest filled with grave uncertainty, Let's not forget the price they paid to keep our country free.

-Helen Steiner Rice

Come celebrate with

**Fr. Dennis Koopman OFM 50 plus 2
Jubilee of Priesthood Ordination**

Saturday, June 11th, 4pm Mass with dinner to follow at St. Joseph Church, Garnavillo

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



Sunday, June 12 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Rosemary Anne Thorpe

daughter of Colton & Hayley (Kann) Thorpe

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

Mass Schedule: **May 30 – June 5, 2022**

Mon., May 30: – Memorial Day Mass
10:00 A.M. – St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, Garnavillo
Joe & Anita Schmelzer//Jim & Joann Helle

Tues., May 31: [No Mass scheduled]

Wed., Jun 1: – 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Betty (Hartmann) Miller

Thur., Jun 2: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Leon Berns & Pete Davis

Fri., Jun 3: [No Mass Schedule]

Sat., Jun 4: Vigil of Feast of Pentecost
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Bert Behrend/Tracy Werges
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
John/Teresa/Mark Ryan

Sun., Jun 5: Feast of Pentecost
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Reflections on Jesus' Ascension,

source: "The Word Among Us"

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

Three aspects of that new life stand out in the Second Mass Reading for the feast: "May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendor and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

Points for Meditation:

- As the disciples watched Jesus being lifted up to heaven, do you think that they would have been tempted to feel abandoned and panicked about their risen Lord leaving the earth? Think of a time in your life when you felt as if Jesus had abandoned you. How can Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8) bring you comfort at such a time?
- Exercise your hope today by calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and the salvation he won for you on the cross. How can you more fully place your hope and confidence in these truths?
- Have you "tasted" the blessings here and now of your eternal inheritance? Ask God for a powerful outpouring of his Spirit so that he can manifest his power in your life.

SMIC School is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2022/2023 school year: **Elementary Teacher & Middle School Teacher**. Submit resume to eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Please patronize these St. Mary's volunteers who work at the cookout stand at Bender's Foods as they raise funds for their many different church events.

June 10 & 11: St. Anne's Group
June 17 & 18: St. Mary's Parish Life
Aug 19 & 20: Knights of Columbus
Aug 26 & 27: St. Mary's Parish Life

A Stewardship Moment

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

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

Upcoming Events:

- Concession Stand at Parish Auction, July 16th

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Scrip Sales — ongoing at Peoples State Bank or online
- Calendar Raffle — Tickets available now from any SMIC student or see Erin at the school office. \$5000 total payout; \$50-\$1000 prizes; weekly drawings Sept–Dec.; Tickets \$20ea.
- Amazon Smile — ongoing — AmazonSmile is a program that **donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice**. All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no cost to you. Select St Mary IC School. (how to sheets are at the back of church)

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

- May 29: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Breakfast
Jun 7: CDA Mtg 1:15pm, Monona; Mass with installation of new members and officers at 2:30pm
KC Meeting, 7:30pm, BH
Jul 16: Auction of Fall Festival Items, 10am

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