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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

“And behold, I am with you always,
until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:16)

Please note, beginning June 5, 2021, the dispensation will expire that excused Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque from participating at Sunday Mass in church except for those that are homebound.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
SPECIAL MEETING AFTER MASS in Brinkmann Hall to decided on details of Fall Festival.

Congratulations to all area high school and college graduates! “You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” — A.A. Milne

Chicken Dinner 
Drive Thru or In-Town Delivery
Sunday, June 20, 2021
11am– 1pm
St. Joseph Parish Center,
Garnavillo, Iowa
\$12 per meal
Fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw,
dinner roll, cake and milk or water.
For deliveries call 964-2234
Proceeds to support St. Joseph's Cemetery

Public Mass Schedule: May 31 – June 6, 2021

Mon., May 31: –“MEMORIAL DAY”

**10:00 A.M. – St. Joseph Cemetery - Garnavillo
Outdoor Mass; please bring your own chair!
If raining, chairs available in chapel.
Visit the newly renovated chapel after Mass!!!
*Intention for deceased veterans.***

Tues., Jun 1: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Jun 2: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Fran Troester & Sherrie Casey

Thur., Jun 3: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
(Masks required for non-residents)
People of the Parish

Fri., Jun 4: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 5: VIGIL OF FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Jack & Agnes Vorwald & Family
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Verna Greenwood & Margaret Schlueter

Sun., Jun 6: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Jackie Spielbauer & Family

Mass Readings for May 30, 2021:

Reading I, [Dt 4:32-34, 39-40](#) : Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

Responsorial Psalm. [33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22](#) : R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. R.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth. R.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. R.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. R.

Reading II, [Rom 8:14-17](#) : Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [Rv 1:8](#)

Gospel, [Mt 28:16-20](#) : The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

A special prayer on Memorial Day

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Upcoming Events

June 1, CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall

June 1, KC Mtg, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall

June 6, Meeting after Mass regarding Fall Festival, Brinkmann Hall

June 7-10: Faith Formation Religious Education, 2nd Grade 8:30-2pm

June 12: First Reconciliation for Faith Formation 2nd graders

June 13: First Communion for Faith Formation 2nd graders