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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

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.

Youth Ministry Events/Activities

Next meeting: May 12, 6:30-8pm

NCYC Trip Update: Enough money has been donated/raised to cover the cost of the trip for the 7 youth who are planning on attending. Attendees are, from St. Joseph's: Joseph Schmelzer, Blake Ihde, Jenny Rodenberg; from St Mary's: Whitley Harber, Molly Kann, Sadie Moser and from IC Buenie: Isabel Breitbach.

THANK YOU!

"To the world, you are a mother,
but to your family, you are the world."
~Unknown

Happy Mother's Day!

Prayer for Strength for all Mothers

Lord, thank you that you are with us as we mother, for you know us, love us and care for us. May we learn to rest in your care, and to lean on you as we give out to our children. May we know your peace in the chaos, your truth in the challenge, and your hope in the hardship. Amen.

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



Sunday, May 9 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass
Zettah Arlene Bries
daughter of Brian & Kelsey (White) Bries

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 both grow in age, knowledge & wisdom in the Lord!

Public Mass Schedule: May 10 – May 16, 2021 Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & wear a mask

Mon., May 10: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., May 11: 8:30 A.M. —St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Paul Puelz & Rita Eulberg

Wed., May 12: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 4th/5th Grade
Imogene [Bries] Feldmann

Thur., May 13: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Cyril Leliefeld

Fri., May 14: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., May 15: VIGIL OF FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Bill & Kay Vogt

Sun., May 16: FEAST OF ASCENSION
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Robert Hartmann

Mass Readings for May 9, 2021:

Reading I, Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 : When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.” Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm, 98:1, 2-3, 3-4: **R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.
R

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. **R.**

Reading II, 1 Jn 4:7-10 : Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** [Jn 14:23](#)

Gospel, Jn 15:9-17 : Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

“This I command you: love one another.”
—John 15: 17

SMIC rummage sale was very successful \$2500 was raised! Thanks for supporting catholic education!!

SHARING THE GOSPEL
I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today’s Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

Choosing to Love One Another: Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest. I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they’re coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love. I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling. See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice. Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

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