

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?

Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Drive-thru and Limited indoor

Vets seating available

St. Mary Church



Eat **Sunday, Nov. 14**

Free!! 8:00am—11:30am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation.

Proceeds to the Guttenberg Veterans
Angels for the Quilts of Valor

Mass Schedule: Nov. 8 – Nov. 14, 2021

Mon., Nov 8: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Nov 9: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Rita Eulberg & Kathleen Neylan
“Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica”

Wed., Nov 10: 8:30 A.M. St. Mary, Guttenberg, 5th/6th Gr.
‘St. Leo the Great’ – *Ann Olinger & Kathleen Bockenstedt*
Veterans & spouses invited to sit in special section to honor them the day before ‘Veterans Day.’ Witness the folding of the American flag during the homily.

Thur., Nov 11: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center
‘St. Martin of Tours’ - *Harold Mueller & Owen Kann*

Fri., Nov 12: 11:00 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Funeral Mass for Annette Matt with 1 hour visitation before

Sat., Nov 13: Vigil of Thirty-Third Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Jack & Norma Eulberg
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Hugo Engelken

Sun., Nov 14: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Dec’d of Gaul/Hildebrand Families

NOW AVAILABLE: The Daily Reflections booklets, ‘*Waiting in Joyful Hope 2021-2022*,’ for the “ADVENT & CHRISTMAS” season are now available at the entryways in church.

Invitation to all ladies of St. Mary:

Catholic Daughters invite you to their Dec. 7 luncheon at Noon in Brinkmann Hall followed by a meeting and their annual white elephant silent auction. Proceeds will go to our local family resource center for children’s Christmas gifts.

St. John’s Drive Thru Thanksgiving Dinner, November 25, 2021. Please call 563-252-2355 to reserve a meal.

Reservations due by November 12.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Prayer and Humility: It's important to note here that Jesus says in Mark 12:40: "They will receive a very severe condemnation." These words are spoken from Him who is the source of mercy and grace. His heart is full of kindness and compassion, He is gentle and forgiving, and He wants nothing other than our eternal salvation. And yet Jesus is clear that the scribes will be severely condemned. The first thing we should think is that we do not want to be like the scribes! We do not want to receive similar condemnation. Thus, we should avoid their state of sin. So that begs the question, "What sin of the scribes earned them this severe condemnation?" The bottom line is that they were frauds. They were consumed with a desire for "places of honor." They treated others poorly: "They devour the houses of widows." What's worse, they presented themselves as people of prayer when they clearly were not. As a result, Jesus severely condemned them. So what do we learn from their errors?

- 1) The true "place of honor" is the place of the greatest humility. True honor, in the eyes of God, is found when we serve without notice and give without recognition. In this way, our giving and serving are done purely out of a motivation of love and not self-serving intentions. The humble person does not seek to be praised and honored for the love they give. The act of giving and serving is itself the gift they receive.
- 2) Reciting lengthy prayers is not the same as praying. Prayer is about one thing. It's about entering into communion with God. It's about establishing a relationship with Him in a deep, beautiful and abiding way. It's about love. Prayer is not for show or to gain the admiration of others.

Reflect, today, upon the harsh judgment Jesus issued toward the scribes. Know that this is done, in part, to teach us what to avoid in life. Avoid all selfish pride. Seek humility and true prayer and you will be greatly blessed.

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**Clarity Clinic Grand Opening for their new
Tree of Life Education Center**
3365 Hillcrest Road, Dubuque, IA
Thursday, November 18 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
10:00---Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Refreshments provided
Stop by anytime during the day for a tour of this beautiful
addition

Remembering those who died in our 3-Linked Parishes the past year of the weekend of November 6 & 7, 2021

(A family member is asked to light & take a candle in remembrance of their loved one after the Prayer of the Faithful)

St. Mary of Guttenberg (either Sat. or Sun.): Anna 'Ann' Marie [Scheller] Olinger, Kathleen Romanda [Fassbinder] Bockenstedt, Gerald Eugene Boge, Jerry Lea [Herman] Geuder, Dorothy Rose [Meyer] Eglseder, Lee Anthony Schissel, Joanne 'Joannie' Marguerite [Spang] Clark, Freddie Dale Bush, Shirley Ann [Boyce] Kann, Robert F. Hoffman, Thomas James Tujetsch, Lynne Marie [Vaske] Finnegan, William 'Bill' Lelifeld, Raymond Paul Wille, Robert Lee Klaes, Stanley Carl Friedlein, Laura Ann [Loecke] Wille, Verdus Joseph Kann, Mary Ann [Terpstra] Ernster, James Anthony Frommelt, Donald Francis Rohner, Carol Lynne [Lange] Worderhoff, & Arthur John Herman, Jr.

St. Joseph of Garnavillo – Edna Marie [Welter] Rausch, Margaret Clara [Mueller] Schlueter, Marion Elizabeth [Stroschein] Moses, Bertha Claire [Cole] Behrend, Barbara Jeanne [Burlingame] Mohning, Sharon Ann [Moreland] Berns, Harold Aloysius Mueller, Leon Anthony Berns, Patricia [Auer] Niehaus, Henry Augustine Mueller and Leonard 'Lennie' Alan Thein.

Immaculate Conception of N. Buena Vista – Leila Louise [Moser] Hefel, Earl Richard Brimeyer, Gregory James Hefel, Mary Catherine [Breitbach] Ludovissy, Darrell J. Hefel and Robert 'Bob' Dean.

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. Visit our WeShare site: <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org> to get started with online giving. Thank you!!

Beckman Catholic Open House - Register for a guided tour led by one of our Student Ambassadors, complete with interactive classroom visits with teachers and students. Hear about our academic achievements, college credit offerings and the many opportunities available to students. The tour will be followed by a Q & A session. The Open House is Sunday, November 14th and Monday, November 15th. Tours begin at 5:30 pm and run on the half-hour at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, and 7:00 pm. Reserve your spot and register online: <https://signup.com/go/YYDsHnG>.

Upcoming Parish Events

- Nov 6/7: Food Shelf Weekend sponsored by CDA
- Nov 9: Scripture Study; 8:30 AM Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 10: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00 in Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 11: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall

A Stewardship Moment

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.