

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have “the look” when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. “I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone.” But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God “I'm done”? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

There's no way to **thank** our veterans for everything they sacrifice for our freedom, but on **Veterans Day**, we have to try. So **thank you** to all our service men and women, both past and present!

Home of the free because of the brave.

The SMIC students, faculty and staff planned and executed a wonderful Mass honoring our Vets!

The special edition of “**LIFE IS MESSY**,” by Matthew Kelly, will be distributed after Mass on the weekend of Nov. 27 & 28. This is a holiday gift from St. Mary's Parish for all of our parishioners, promoted through St. Mary's Parish Life Committee and members of the Catholic Daughters of America. Make sure you receive this special book of “Matthew Kelly's life challenges.”

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. 15 – Nov. 21, 2021

Mon., Nov 15: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Nov 16: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Vincent & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

Wed., Nov 17: 8:30 A.M. St. Mary, Guttenberg, 4th Grade
“St. Elizabeth of Hungary” – *Dec 'd of Nuehring Family*

Thur., Nov 18: 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center –
[(Cancelled due to covid outbreak)]

Fri., Nov 19: [No Mass Scheduled] – FULL MOON

Sat., Nov 20: Vigil of Feast of Christ the King
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Lee Smith

5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass

People of the Parish

Sun., Nov 21: Feast of Christ the King
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Russ Belden (C. D. of A.) & Nick Westhoff

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.

Thank you to all who helped and/or supported the SMIC rummage and bake sale this past weekend!

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Word of God

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” [Mark 13:31](#)

Yes, it is true. Heaven as it is now and Earth as it is now will pass away. The Gospels and the Book of Revelation speak to this truth. As we draw close to the end of this liturgical year, we are reminded of this fact. We are reminded that Jesus will return in splendor and glory and will make all things new. The world as we know it will be made anew, and Heaven will be joined to this new Earth, and all will be one. Jesus will reign in this new world as the glorious King of all.

One thing this tells us is that we should not become overly attached to the things of this passing world. True, earthly wealth and possessions may offer a temporary satisfaction to our lives, but never a permanent satisfaction. In time, the things of this world will all disappear. So, if we work to build up only earthly wealth and possessions, we should know that all those things will eventually pass away, and we would be left with nothing.

So what is it that is eternal? The answer is given in the passage above. Jesus says that His “words will not pass away.” Namely, all that is true and revealed by God as true is eternal and worth holding on to. This reveals to us that Jesus’ words are the true riches that we must seek. By embracing His Word, clinging to it, entering into it, believing it and letting it change us, we are embracing the eternal. We are embracing that which we will have for all eternity. This is an important truth to understand and live.

Reflect, today, upon the simple fact that everything in life is passing away except the words of our Lord. All that He has spoken and revealed to us will remain for all time, and these truths are the only thing in life worth working for. Turn your eyes to the Word of God and try to grasp its meaning more deeply so that you can begin to build up treasure in Heaven here and now!

Lord, I do believe all that You have spoken and revealed. Help me to listen to You all the more and to cling to Your every word. Jesus, I trust in You.

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THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE:

Wed., Nov. 24 – 4:00 P.M. – Garnavillo
Thurs., Nov 25 – 9:00 A.M. – Guttenberg

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

(No children special Masses this year due to covid)

Fri., Dec., 24, 4:00 P.M. - Garnavillo
6:00 P.M. – N. Buena Vista
Sat., Dec. 25, 9:00 A.M. - Guttenberg



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

Sunday, Nov. 14 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Finn Michael Scott

son of Christopher & Michelle (Finnegan) Scott

Saturday, Nov. 20 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo during Mass

Suraya Marianna Rose Rodenberg

daughter of David & Ashley (Wilson) Rodenberg

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

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!!

A Stewardship Moment

The readings today speak of the end of the world and coming of the kingdom. The bishops’ pastoral on stewardship says clearly that “that ‘life to come’ is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now.” May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

SMIC News: After 36 years in education, with 8 of them at SMIC, our principal, Joanne Hedemann has announced she will be retiring after the 2021/2022 school year. We are actively searching for her replacement. You can help by sharing this opportunity and praying that a suitable candidate will come forth to lead our school.

Upcoming Parish Events

- Nov 16: Scripture Study; 8:30 AM Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 18: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall
- Dec 1: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Dec 7: CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall; all women invited!