

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Walk In His Ways

What a stress filled time this election has been. When you think about why that is you realize that it's because we're focused on the news and yet don't trust any of it. It's because we're focused on what the candidates are saying and yet don't believe it. It's because we are focused on our fear for the direction of our nation, for our relationships with friends and family, and even for our lives (due to Covid-19).

It's because we're focused on the wrong things!

This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm tells us that ... "Blessed are you who fear (are in awe of) the Lord, and who walk in His ways!" (PS 128:1) That's right! Focus on God! Trust in God! You will be blessed, not stressed!

Dear Lord: Thank you for drawing us closer to you, for teaching us to focus on you, for helping us to see your hand in our life, and for guiding us to ... Walk in Your Ways ... so that we can enjoy your blessings and be your blessing on others in this life. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

The "Daily Reflections" for **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS** booklets are now available at the entryways of church. The First Sunday of Advent is November 29.

Let Nancy Cook Thanksgiving Dinner!!

Thursday, November 26, 11am -2pm
Pick up, St. Mary Church Parking Lot or delivery within Guttenberg City Limits
Enjoy at turkey dinner with all the fixings plus dessert for \$10/meal.

RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 24 by calling 252-1577 or email: youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us
Proceeds to benefit Youth Ministry

Save the Date — Monday, December 7.
The KCs will be holding a drive through **Chili Supper** from 3:30—7:00pm. Watch the bulletin and/or Facebook for more info. Proceeds will go toward replacing the handicap ramp.

Going shopping or out to eat? Looking for a gift? Stop by People's State Bank in Guttenberg to purchase gift cards. Available Gift Cards: Dicks, Old Navy/Gap, Old Chicago, Applebees, Blooming Branches, Essers, iTunes, Kwik Trip, Kohls, Menards, Papa Murphys, Olive Garden, Stadium, Subway

We can SEE the difference . . . The LED lighting project in the church and church basement is completed. **Thank you** to all those who helped with this parish project!

Public Mass Schedule: Nov 16 – Nov 22, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

Mon., Nov 16: [No Mass Scheduled],

Tues., Nov 17: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"St. Elizabeth of Hungary" – *Vincent & Inez Hoeger*

Wed., Nov 18: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 6th/7th Grade
Fran Troester & Sherrie Casey

Thur., Nov 19: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Nov 20: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Nov 21: VIGIL OF FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Noreen Rowland [1st Anniv.]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Frances McLane

Sun., Nov 22: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Hildebrand & Gaul Families

A LOOK AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING WEEK MASSES

[No Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Garnavillo]

Eve of Thanksgiving Wed, Nov. 25: 4:00 P.M. at Garnavillo
7:30 P.M. at N. Buena Vista.

Thanksgiving Day, Thur., Nov. 26: 9:00 A.M. at Guttenberg.



Mass Readings for November 15, 2020:

Reading 1: [PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#): When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailling prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps [128:1-2, 3, 4-5](#) : R: **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. /R/

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table. /R/

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. /R/

Reading 2: [1 THES 5:1-6](#): Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [JN 15:4A, 5B](#)

Gospel: [MT 25:14-30](#) : Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to cook a simple meal for our Youth Ministry nights, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. If interested, please contact Katey Simon at youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Do you want to show your thanks for your many blessings? Giving to Clayton County Womenade is your opportunity to do it!! Any donation is accepted. This money goes entirely to the support of struggling families referred by agencies in Clayton County. Due to the current pandemic guidelines Clayton County Womenade will NOT hold a gathering this month, but **we still need donations**. Donations may be made at or mailed to Peoples State Bank, 15 Goethe St., PO Box 430, Guttenberg, IA 52052. We can now also accept donations through Paypal: to use, sign into your Paypal account. Choose to Send Money to Friends or Family. Enter womenade@alpinecom.net as the recipient. There are no fees charged to either you or Womenade if you use monies in your paypal account, or withdrawn from your bank account. There is a fee if you use a credit card.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 18: Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm; Masks needed; meal provided; Brinkmann Hall

Nov. 29: Advent Begins

Dec. 7: KC Drive Thru Chili Supper; 3:30-7pm

Dec. 8: KC Mtg; 7:30pm Brinkmann Hall

During the month of November, we are reminded to visit the graves of our loved ones and get them ready for winter.

If you have information for the bulletin/newsletter, please notify the parish office by Tuesday evening to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us