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I love it when things come together and seem to point to the same place, which many times is a place of growth, revelation, and healing. This week that happened. Three separate experiences pointed to one and the same ...

Our Rescuer Comes

Initially was reading this Sunday's First Reading,

EZ 34:11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep (people).

EZ 34:12 ... I will rescue them ...

EZ 34:15 ... I myself will give them rest ...

EZ 34:16 The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, ...

Second is the song "Way Maker" by Leeland Band (please listen to this by Googling "YouTube Leeland – Way Maker (Lyrics)"), which also points to this theme. Some of the key lyrics are:

You are here, moving in our midst

Even when I don't see it, You're working

Even when I don't feel it, You're working

You never stop, You never stop working

You are Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

The third and final pointer is this Sunday Nov. 22's Living Faith Devotional (Our Rescuer Comes) by Jennifer Christ. As part of her thoughts for contemplation she says ... "The Lord is coming; we are not forgotten! Ever! ... We are only temporarily lost. He comes to rescue us and to invite us back into the light of His love. The clouds will part; the wounds will heal, the challenges will untangle, and new opportunities will unfold. Be on the lookout for the shepherd who is coming to you today!"

Dear Lord: Thank you for those times in life (whether difficult or joyful) when you make everything point to You. We are on the lookout ... for You! Rescuer, come! I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

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.

The "Daily Reflections" for **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS** booklets are now available
at the entryways of church.

Public Mass Schedule: Nov 23 – Nov 29, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

Mon., Nov 23: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Nov 24: [No Mass Scheduled], "Korean Martyrs"

Wed., Nov 25: **Eve of Thanksgiving**

4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, *Cindy Mueller*

7:30 P.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish

Thur., Nov 26: **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
James/Jean/Serenus Junk

Fri., Nov 27: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Nov 28: **VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

Rita Eulberg

5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

Bill & Kay Vogt

Sun., Nov 29: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

Richard Goerd



Mass Readings for November 22, 2020:

Reading 1: [EZ 34:11-12, 15-17](#): Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6](#): R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. /R/

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. /R/

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. /R/

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. /R/

Reading 2: [1 COR 15:20-26, 28](#): Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! **Alleluia, alleluia.** [MK 11:9, 10](#)

Gospel: [MT 25:31-46](#): Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

THANK YOU – to those who volunteered and paid for installing LED lighting fixtures in our church proper and parish hall/hot lunch rooms here at St. Mary's. You made our sacred and social spaces a lot more brighter. Special thanks to Rosalie Kickbush for her many face masks for our parish and church family during these trying times with the pandemic virus. **May God bless all of you** in your service to our parish community.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 29: Advent Begins

Dec. 1: KC Mtg; 7:30pm Brinkmann Hall

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

The 2021 Mass Missals have arrived. Since we are unable to have them in the pews, we invite you to take a missal home with you to use. Feel free to bring it with you to mass and take it home with you at the end of Mass. They are available on the table in the back of church.

With Thanksgiving next week, please submit ministry schedules and other info by Monday evening, Nov 23 to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us