

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY:

~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

This week's Feast of Christ the King marks the culmination of everything that our readings over the past month have been leading up to. We take time this week to declare that Jesus is King, both now and forever. His Kingdom is everlasting. It reaches beyond time and space. To work hard and to be recognized for it is good, but today we are asked to raise our minds higher. Everything in this world is passing away. What is of ultimate concern and everlasting is the Kingdom of God. To be "great" in His Kingdom is to follow in the footsteps of the one who is truly great. Jesus' greatness is revealed in His humble self-sacrificing love. Rejoice today that Jesus is your eternal King. Invite Him to reign in your heart even more, as you await His reign of love over the whole world. Reflect on how you have journeyed with our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe throughout this past liturgical year. How have you pierced Jesus by not having faith in Him? How have you actively seen Him in your daily life? How have you brought the humble, service-orientated truth Jesus proclaims to those around you?

Important Please Read—Survey Info:

St. Mary, along with all parishes in the archdiocese, is participating in a Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. Many of us participated in the archdiocesan survey for the global synod two years ago. The DMI survey is the next step in an archdiocesan process that will lead to new mission and vision statements, and pastoral priorities. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. We are seeking as much input as possible regarding our shared mission, vision, and pastoral priority planning efforts. Each adult member of the parish is eligible and encouraged to complete the survey. No one in the parish or archdiocese sees individual surveys and all responses will be confidential. The parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The 10-15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link from Dec 5 – Jan 9. We will publish the link as we get closer to Dec 5th. Paper surveys will be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Your participation matters and is vital to the future of our parish!

Music Ministry:



Music is a vital part of our worship service. We are looking for someone to fill the role of choir director and we are also looking for cantors and musicians (pianist, organist, guitar players, woodwinds, etc.) Please call the parish office for more info, 563-252-1247.

Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your families

Christmas Eve/Day Mass Schedule:

December 24, Christmas Eve:

4pm, Garnavillo; 5:30pm Guttenberg

December 25, Christmas Day:

8:30am, N. Buena Vista; 10am, Guttenberg



Mass Schedule: Nov 25 – Dec 1, 2024

Mon. Nov 25: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Nov 26: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Gene Eglseder

Wed., Nov 27: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jerome Troester
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Cole Wille

Thur., Nov 28: Thanksgiving
8:30 A. M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Donna Patrick

Fri., Nov 29: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Jim & Lou Kuempel; Marilyn Kolker (Month's Mind)
9:00-9:45 A.M. — Confessions

Sat., Nov 30: Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Gene & Mary Tujetsch

Sun., Dec 1: 1st Sunday of Advent
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The True Kingship of Christ

source: young-catholics.com

The Gospel shows Pilate judging Jesus by the world's standards. We often judge others the same way. We look at their clothes, status, and actions. This reveals what we think is important.

Pilate saw kingship as earthly power and control. When the Israelites asked for a king, God warned them of the heavy burdens a human king would bring. Worldly kings take from their people and rule through fear and power. They demand service and take what they want.

Jesus' kingship is different. He gives rather than takes. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, showing that true kingship means serving others. Jesus does not seek to be served, but to serve. He is humble and preaches truth, not manipulating through fear.

Christ the King does not need human respect. His humility is a model for us. Imagine how free we would be if we were like Him, motivated only by our relationship with God. We would seek to please the Father above all else.

The Solemnity of Christ the King calls us to see Jesus' kingship clearly. He is a king who serves and loves us. Following His example leads us to true freedom and joy.



A Christmas Gift for you . . .

The **PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE** has made available at all church entrances a **FREE SPIRITUAL BOOK** for the coming holidays.

"33 DAYS to EUCHARISTIC GLORY" will take you on a spiritual pilgrimage. Make sure you get your **FREE** copy

The **"ADVENT & CHRISTMAS"** booklets are now available at the entry ways of church. Advent begins Sunday Dec 1st!

St. Mary Social Justice Committee's 6th Annual CHRISTMAS CLOTHING MISSION

Please select a tag from the Giving Tree in the back of church.

Each tag will identify an item for a child or adult in need.

After you purchase the item, return it with the tag attached, and place it in the container at the back of church. *Please do not gift wrap.* Items need to be returned by Dec 15. All items collected will be given to needy families in our area. The Family Resource Center will distribute the items.



Tree will be up on Friday, Nov. 29th

Giving alms to the poor is a corporal work of mercy.

Quilts & More Fundraiser

Saturday, Nov. 30, 9am—2pm; Parish Center

Proceeds to the Roof Fund and other community projects

Thank you to all who supported the Friends of St. Mary's Lasagna Luncheon this past Sunday. \$1200 was raised which will go to the roof loan.

Birthright of Dubuque would like to thank you for your kind donations of baby clothes, items and diapers. It is very much appreciated!!

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family:

The Preface for today's Mass describes the kingdom over which Jesus Christ is King. It is: . . . An eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace— are these the building blocks of your home? What are you doing and saying to help build the kingdom that God has in mind? ~<http://www.rc1blectionary.com>

A Stewardship Moment

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Nov 21-23: Faith Formation Fall Rummage Sale

Nov. 25: Finance Committee Mtg, Noon, PC

Dec 1: Advent Begins

Patriotic Rosary, 5:30pm

Dec 2: Parish Council, 6:30pm, PC

Dec 3: CDA Meeting, Noon in Monona
KC Meeting, 7:30pm

Dec 4: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation Classes, 6pm

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