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Filling The Void

Have you ever felt as though something was missing in your life but you couldn't put your finger on what it is? Many, many, many people have said how they feel empty ... that they are lacking true meaning in their life ... that they have no joy ... that something is missing. In fact, I suspect that all of us have felt that way at one time or another.

This deep down hunger, this need for something bigger than ourselves is what Sunday's Responsorial Psalm is getting at when it calls out that we are ... seeking ... pining ... gazing ... calling ... meditating ... and thus trying to figure out what it is that is missing from our life. Fortunately, it also gives us the answer.

This Psalm clearly tells us that "GOD" is the one that can Fill The Void! Through a relationship with God, He enables us to:

- See His power and glory
- Know His kindness is a greater good than life
- Have our soul be satisfied
- Realize that He is our help

With this realization our souls will soar, our hearts will sing, and we will praise Him!

Yes! God will lead us to purpose and fulfillment in life!

Dear Lord ... As we search our hearts and our life, have us find You so that You can Fill Our Void. Please energize us to do your work in this life and thus get our joy through serving you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Last Week

to drop off baby items for Birthright of Dubuque. Please place clothing and items in bassinet by St. Mary's altar. Thank you for your support of this parish project.



Veterans, We Thank You . . .

We want to say thank you to our veterans who have served in the US Military. Your sacrifice and courage are commendable! Veterans Day is an opportune time to feel grateful for the many liberties in our nation and thank those who have fought to protect it. Take the time to celebrate and thank the veterans in your life.

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

Have you heard the difference —the sound system upgrade is complete! Thanks to all who helped with this project!

Public Mass Schedule: Nov 9 – Nov 15, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

- Mon., Nov 9:** [No Mass Scheduled],
"Dedication of Lateran Basilica"
- Tues., Nov 10:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"St. Leo the Great" – *Lawrence Felder Family*
- Wed., Nov 11:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 1st Grade
"St. Martin of Tours" – *Germaine Weyant*
- Thur., Nov 12:** [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Josaphat"
- Fri., Nov 13:** [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Francis Xavier Cabrini"
- Sat., Nov 14:** VIGIL OF THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Kathleen Neylan
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish
- Sun., Nov 15:** THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
Rosemary 'Rosie' Boge [1st Anniv.]
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Annie Ries

Mass Readings for November 8, 2020:

Reading 1: [WIS 6:12-16](#) : Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#) : R: **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. /R/

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. /R/

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. /R/

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. /R/

Reading 2: [1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14](#) : We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [MT 24:42A, 44](#)

Gospel: [MT 25:1-13](#) : Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

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.

Upcoming Events . . .

Nov 10: KC Mtg, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall

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

HONORING ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR – Nov. 7 & 8

A representative of each deceased is invited to light a special candle at the end of the "Prayer of the Faithful" and take with them.

St. Joseph, Garnavillo: Noreen [Berns] Rowland, Michaele Matt, Paul Puelz, Cynthia [Reth] Mueller, Shirley [Weber] Swisher, Charles Bries, & Tracy Werges

Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista: Rosemary [Baltes] Boge & Steven Hefel

St. Mary, Guttenberg: Sat. or Sun. Masses

Bernice [Koehn] Haas, Jeffery White, Harlan Herkes, Patricia [Dugan] Scheffert, Oliver Michael Scott, Patricia [Ottaway] Schlueter, Claire [Kords] Frommelt, Joyce [Bayliss] Cherne & Carolyn [Cook] Oberbroeckling