

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Fall Festival Meeting

Oct 16, after 10am Mass



Discussion will take place on what we as a parish would like to do in the future with our festival. All are invited to bring your thoughts and ideas. If you have ideas and are unable to attend the meeting, please call Don Scherbring at 252-1556 and he will make sure your ideas/thoughts are shared.

KC Biscuits & Gravy and Sausage Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In; St. Mary Church

Sunday, October 9

8:00am—11:30am

Free will donation.



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

Sunday, October 9 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Noah Allen Mains

son of Jason & Claire (McGee) Mains

Saturday, October 15 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Warren Vaughn Griep

son of Jeremiah & Kayleen (Keehner) Griep.

Permission to baptize from pastor of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Clinton, Iowa

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

Mass Schedule: October 10 – October 16, 2022

Mon., Oct 10: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Oct 11: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Vincent & Inez Hoeger/Amy Hoeger

Wed., Oct 12: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Kris Stocks & Fred Bush

Thur., Oct 13: – 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Oct 14: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Oct 15: Vigil of 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Jane [Matt] Siebrecht
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Robert 'Bob' Hoffmann & Tony Schissel

Sun., Oct 16: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Gilbert & Inda Evers

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Healing Balm of a Grateful Heart

“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” [Luke 17:17-18](#)

These words were spoken by Jesus after He healed ten lepers and only one of them, a foreigner, returned to Jesus to thank Him. Ten were healed physically of their leprosy but only one received a much deeper healing. Upon returning to Jesus with a grateful heart, Jesus said to this one leper, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you” ([Luke 17:19](#)).

Only this one leper, the one who returned with a grateful heart, heard our Lord speak these words: “Your faith has saved you.” This reveals that gratitude to God is not only our duty, it also brings forth manifest blessings in our lives. When we sincerely offer thanks to God for all that He has done, we are manifesting great faith in God as a result. We are pointing to Him and His goodness as the source of our blessings and it takes faith to see this and to profess it.

What is it for which you need to grow in gratitude in your life? What is it that you may take for granted and have failed to properly return to God and thank Him for? The truth is that everything in life is a gift. Everything. Even the struggles you endure can be turned into blessings. In fact, that’s exactly what happened in this story. The awful suffering of leprosy was turned into a grace from God.

Reflect, today, upon all that God has done for you. Pray that you will understand all of the countless ways that God graces your life. As you see them, ponder those blessings, count them and be grateful for them. And from that gratitude, return a joyful thanks to God. In that act, your faith will also save you.

Lord, I do thank You for the countless blessings that You have bestowed upon me throughout my life. I thank You for the ways in which You have graced me, led me and healed me. Help me to see clearly all that You have done and continue to do for me. As I see these blessings, help me to daily express my gratitude in faith. Jesus, I trust in You.

~ source: [mycatholiclife.com](#)

Faith Formation Info:

Join us for Youth Mass on Sunday, October 30th to celebrate All Saints, All Souls.

Children of all ages can come dressed in their Halloween costumes. We will have a Trunk or Treat event after Mass.



Decorated car trunks are needed!

Save the Date: On October 23, the “FATHER STU” movie will be presented after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, in Brinkmann Hall. The Parish Life Committee will provide a **FREE “brunch”** with the movie starting about 11:30.

Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny and uplifting story about finding purpose in a most unexpected place. After surviving a terrible motorcycle accident, Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) wonders if he can use his second chance to help others find their way — and leads this former amateur boxer to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a priest. Despite a devastating health crisis and the skepticism of Church officials and his estranged parents (Mel Gibson and Jacki Weaver), Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him but countless others along the way.

A Stewardship Moment

Jesus healed ten lepers in today’s Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord - indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR: October is the month of the rosary to be said at home by every family member. It is also when we submit Mass attendance counts to the Archdiocese. Bring your family and invite others who have not been to weekend Masses. **The future of your parish is up to you in prayer and worship in your home church!**

October is Respect Life Month— place donations of new and gently used baby items in the bassinet on the altar. Donations will be given to Birthright in DBQ.

Upcoming Parish Events

- Oct 9: KC Breakfast
- Oct 11: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 12: Faith Formation, 6-7pm for grades 2-6
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8pm for gr 7-12
- Oct 13: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 16: Parish Mtg on Future of Festival, after Mass
- Oct 18: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 19: Faith Formation, 6-7pm for grades 2-6
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8pm for gr 7-12
- Oct 20: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 23: Parish Life Social Gathering after Mass
- Oct 25: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 27: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 30: **Youth Mass, Trick your Trunk**
- Nov 1: CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall
KC Mtg, 7:30pm

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to:
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