

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.* I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking. When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along. I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself? Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

HOG ROAST

St Joseph’s Church, Garnavillo

Saturday, October 9th

5:00-7:00pm

Dine in or Carry Out

BBQ Pork Sandwiches, German Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Desserts

Adults \$10, under 12 \$5, preschool free

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Drive-thru Style 

Limited indoor seating also available

St. Mary Church

Sunday, October 10

8:00am—11:30am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation.

Proceeds to the handicap ramp project.

THE CLARITY CLINIC / PREGNANCY CENTER CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

TO: Fundraising Banquet

Dinner and Program, 6:30-8:45pm

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA

An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Dinner is complimentary. (Sunday attire)

To RSVP, call the clinic at 557-3123 or email:

dennis@thepregnancycenter.com

October is “Respect for Life” month.

Baby items will be collected during the month in all three parishes.

Public Mass Schedule: Oct. 11 – Oct 17, 2021

Mon., Oct 11: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Oct 12: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Berdell & Frances Aldrich//Robert Aldrich

Wed., Oct 13: 8:30 AM–St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, 4th gr.
Lou & Laura Vashell & Family

Thur., Oct 14: 8:30 A.M. - Guttenberg River Living Center
Harold Mueller & Owen Kann

Fri., Oct 15: [No Mass Scheduled], ‘St. Theresa of Jesus’

Sat., Oct 16: Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Leonard ‘Lennie’ Thein [Month Mind]
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Mary Ann Ernster [Month Mind]

Sun., Oct 17: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Fran Troester & Sherrie Casey

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Beyond Good Intentions

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" [Mark 10:17](#)

This story starts out looking quite good. Here is a young man who is quite wealthy who comes to Jesus with a question grounded in faith. By asking Jesus what He must do to inherit eternal life, this man most likely believed that Jesus had the answer. And in his excitement, he wanted direction from Jesus.

Jesus tells him that he must keep the Commandments, to which the young man responds that he has observed them from his youth. But then Jesus says something that this young man never expected Him to say. He says, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Ouch! This must have stung this rich young man in the heart. The passage continues by stating that this young man walked away sad as a result of what Jesus said.

The young man started with good intentions, that is clear. But good intentions are not enough. Following Jesus and gaining eternal life is an all-consuming and radical commitment of every part of our lives. It's not enough to tell Jesus that we will keep the Commandments but that's all. Sure, that may get us into Purgatory, but what we should desire is Heaven! So how do we obtain Heaven?

We only obtain Heaven through a life of perfection. Yes, it's true. If we want Heaven, we must ultimately become perfect in every way. Every worldly attachment must disappear, and every sin must be overcome. Our good intentions must turn into a radical and total gift of self to Jesus, seeking Him and only Him.

The rich young man walked away sad because he failed to realize that Jesus' invitation to him to give everything away was actually an act of love. He did not understand that he would find happiness in this radical commitment to follow Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

Lord, I love You, and I want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realize that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachment in life that keeps me from following You. Jesus, I trust in You.

source: mycatholiclife.com

Parish Life Group

The Parish Life Committee is looking for new members. They meet the first Monday of each month at 5PM in Brinkman Hall.

Here are some of the things they do/have done: Provide Daily Readers, Scripture study, supported Right to Life & Mary's Inn with contributions, Promote Christian Conferences (Christ our Life), Promoted Christian Speakers and Meals. Grief counseling, Prayer Shawl ministry, Raise funds through Bender's Cookouts and Farmers Market. Raised awareness and funds for St. Mary's high school students to attend NCYC in 2019, Purchase confirmation bibles for the students, Provide books and C.D.s in back of Church, Had Sunday Movies with a Spiritual lesson with a luncheon prior.

Contact Carol Hartmann if you have questions, 563-252-1118.

Youth Ministry News

NCYC Update: Due to Covid requirements for NCYC, we will not be attending this year. Any money donated/raised for NCYC will be used towards retreats and a service trip. Thank -you for all the support you've given us!

Do you have a desire to serve youth? Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to cook a simple meal for our Youth Ministry nights held on Wednesday evenings. If interested, please contact Katey Simon at youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Meeting Dates: Wednesdays from 6:15-8pm in Brinkmann Hall. October 13, 20, 27. For 7th-12th graders. Meal will be provided.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Upcoming Parish Events

- Oct 9: St. Joseph Parish Hog Roast, 5-7pm
- Oct 10: KC Breakfast, 8:30-11:30am
- Oct 12: Scripture Study; 8:30 AM Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 13: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00 in Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 14: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 17: Fall Festival Meeting, after 10am Mass in Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 20: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00 in Brinkmann Hall