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Seek God's Guidance.

This week I came across the below information which struck a chord for me and caused me to wonder if it might be meaningful to you as well. Via the below excerpt from his October 2020 newsletter, Dr. James Dobson provides us with some good food for thought. In it he encourages us to open our minds to discern how God may be guiding each of us in the upcoming elections.

Excerpt:

How will Americans, and how will you, decide who to vote for as our Chief Executive Officer? I have heard from dozens of friends and acquaintances in recent weeks who tell me they will base their decision solely on a candidate's rhetoric, tone, style, or likeability. Does that describe your thinking process?

He then quoted an email from a friend that stated: *"This is not a junior high or high school popularity/personality contest. I'm not voting for the person – I'm voting for the platform!"*

I'm voting for the Second Amendment. I'm voting for the next Supreme Court justice. I'm voting for the electoral college. I'm voting for the Republic in which we live. I'm voting for the police and law and order. I'm voting for the military and the veterans who fought and died for this country. I'm voting for the flag that is often missing from public events. I'm voting for the right to speak my opinion and not be censored for it. I'm voting for secure borders. I'm voting for the right to praise God without fear. I'm voting for every unborn soul that is at risk of being aborted. I'm voting for freedom and the American dream. I'm voting for good and against evil. I'm not just voting for one person. I'm voting for the future of my country!"

He then went on to say: With all respect, this election isn't about you. It certainly isn't about me. It is about our kids and grandkids. It is about those who are yet to come, if they are allowed to live. This vote has awesome implications for future generations and the nation we love. It is about our Constitution and the immutable, God-given rights it protects. It is about values, and truth, and greatness, and hope. That is why the notion of choosing a president based on frivolous personality characteristics is so unfortunate.

In summary, this election is for all the marbles ... the Presidency, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Supreme Court. Together, they set the agenda for this country. If you love America and don't want it to be "fundamentally transformed," it is time to do two things:

1. Pray like never before that God will spare this great nation from tyranny and oppression of religious liberty.
2. Vote for the candidates who will best uphold your values and convictions.

Dear Lord: Please touch our hearts and minds as we consider voting during the upcoming national elections, and guide us to vote in a manner that is reflective of your plan for us. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Public Mass Schedule: Oct. 12 – Oct 18, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

Mon., Oct. 12: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Oct 13: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger & Inez Hoeger (C.D. of A.)

Wed., Oct 14: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 6th/7th Grade
Carolyn Carrier & John DeMuth

Thur., Oct 15: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Oct 16: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Oct 17: VIGIL OF TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Loris Kickbush

Sun., Oct 18: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Don Evers

Mass Readings for October 11, 2020:

Reading 1 [IS 25:6-10A](#) On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](#)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. /R/

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. /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 [PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20](#) Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10](#) Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen.



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

Sunday, Oct. 25 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Archer Rhodes Parker

son of Justin & Ashley [Maitland] Parker

Permission to baptize from pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Sunday, Nov. 1 at St. Mary, Guttenberg during Mass

Isaiah Michael Hartson

son of Roman & Elizabeth [Simon] Hartson

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

On Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. ET at Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, CT, Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified. Learn more about the miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney at <https://www.kofc.org/beatification>

Upcoming Events

Oct 16/17: KC Tootsie Roll drive at Benders

Oct 21: Youth Ministry Confirmation Cookout
6:30-8:00pm

Oct 25: KC Drive-thru Breakfast, 8-11:30am;
Money raised goes toward replacing handicap ramp.
Ramp must be built to ADA standards. Material cost of \$10,000.

Oct 31/Nov 1: KC Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass

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

The KCs recognized Austin Greve as October's 'Knight of the Month'. Thank you Austin for your dedication and service to the KCs and the St. Mary Faith Community!