

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Enduring Hope in Modern Struggles

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The first reading for this Sunday, Isaiah 25:6-10a, paints a vivid picture of God's benevolence and commitment to His people. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when God will prepare a feast for all people, wipe away tears, and remove the disgrace of His people from the earth. This vision is not just about a distant future but serves as a reminder of God's continuous promise of care and salvation.

Today, many face challenges that make them question their worth or their place in the world. Economic hardships, personal struggles, societal divisions – they all mirror the despair and disgrace felt by Isaiah's contemporaries. Yet, Isaiah's words remain relevant, assuring us that even in the midst of adversity, God's love and provision are steadfast.

Applying this message to modern life, it's a call for hope and resilience. It encourages us to look beyond immediate struggles and recognize the bigger picture of divine promise. Furthermore, in a world where instant gratification is often sought, Isaiah reminds us of the virtue of patience and the value of long-term blessings. Our role is to trust, persevere, and remain faithful, knowing that God's banquet awaits those who endure.

Fall Silent Auction and Raffle

- Bidding in person/online: October 8 thru October 22 at 12:00 noon. If you are bidding online, be sure to get a confirmation of your bid, since we are not always available online. Please also give your phone number online, so we can contact you if your bid is accepted. Church basement will be open on Saturdays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and Sundays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
- **Cash Raffle/Donations:** Each \$100 will buy a ticket for a chance to win four cash prizes of \$500 each. Drawing: October 22, after the 10:00am Mass. Tickets can be purchased now or donations made (*please make checks to St. Mary Fall Festival and indicate Tickets or Donation*)

Your Input is Requested . . .

On Monday, October 23 at 6:30 PM the Parish Council and Finance Committee will be discussing the replacement of the Church roof and the older school building roof. The Church roof is estimated to cost \$178,000-\$200,000 and the old school building roof is estimated to cost \$65,000-\$78,000. If you would like to comment on these projects, please contact Don Scherbring, 563-252-1556 or Jim Schlueter, 563-252-1490 or any other Parish Council/Finance Committee member prior to October 23. They would like to receive input from the parishioners. These projects are being considered for 2024.

St. Joseph's Parish, Garnavillo is having a **Hog Roast**, this Saturday, Oct 14 from 5-7pm. BBQ Pork Sandwich, German Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dessert. Adults \$12 Kids under 12 \$6. Dine in or carry out.

This is the last weekend the Clarity Clinic baskets will be found in the back of church for you to place your bottle/donation.

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.

Mass Schedule: Oct 16 – Oct 22, 2023

Mon., Oct 16: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Oct 17: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Glenn Berns

Wed., Oct 18: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Lester & Marie Gorton

Thur., Oct 19: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
“North American Martyrs” *Leon Berns & Pete Davis*

Fri., Oct 20: 11:00 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Funeral Mass for Francis Stroschien

Sat., Oct 21: Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Bernice Haas & Tom Tujetsch

Sun., Oct 22: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Albert & Regina Bries
Albert & Regina Schlueter//Edwin & Eleanor Frommelt

**St. Mary's Parish welcomes guest speakers,
Deacon Doug and Julia Bean**

Join us on an extraordinary voyage where this couple began following the path that God set out for them. Listen as they take us through life's twists and turns, facing adversity, only to discover the variety of surprises that God placed in their path. Together, we will immerse ourselves in their remarkable narrative, one filled with unexpected changes that continually drew them closer to God. It's a narrative brimming with hope and a promising future to embrace.

Join us in this inspiring journey!

October 24 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center; There will also be religious items available to purchase that evening. Hosted by St. Anne's.

Festival of Trees—Friends of St. Mary

The Friends of St. Mary group is planning a festival of trees event to take place in the convent. They are seeking individuals, groups, businesses and families to sponsor a decorated tree to be silent auctioned. The Convent will be open beginning Nov 11 after Masses for viewing trees and placing bids. The final day for bids will be Sunday, Nov 26 at 2pm. There will also be a soup and sandwich luncheon that day served after Mass. This event is in conjunction with the Guttenberg Merchant open house on Saturday, Nov 25 with the convent being open until after the parade that evening. Organizers have some trees available to be decorated and have at least 2 rooms ready to be lit up. All proceeds will go toward preserving the convent.



Please contact Nancy Nuehring at 563-880-0280 or clay.nancy4@live.com with questions. Trees need to be ready for showing by November 11. If you wish to decorate your tree at the convent, please contact Nancy to schedule a time.

Movie Presentation "Wonder": Nov 5, After Mass

The movie, "WONDER," tells the story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

From the St. Mary Parish Center Committee:

The Parish Center is serving many parishioners and parish meetings. There are several items needed to continue with the mission of the center. Items needed are but not limited to:

- a long counter top with storage underneath,
- round tables and chairs,
- new coffeemaker

Donations are welcome - place funds in the collection basket in an envelope or mail to the parish office. Mark it as a donation to the Parish Center.

Faith Formation Trunk or Treat Event is October 29. Decorated car trunks are needed!

Do you have a desire to serve youth? Katey Simon is looking for volunteers to cook a simple meal for the Youth Ministry group on Wednesday evenings. If interested, please contact Katey at youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us or call the parish center (563) 252-1577 and leave a message.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Oct 12: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 14: Women's Faith Sharing Group, 1pm, PC
- Oct 17: Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC
- Oct 18: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation, 6pm
- Oct 19: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 22: Fall Raffle Drawing after Mass
Silent Auction Bidding ends at Noon
- Oct 23: Parish Council/Finance Meeting, 6:30pm, BH
Friends of St. Mary, 6:30pm, PC
- Oct 24: Speakers Deacon Doug & Julia Bean, 6:30pm, PC
- Oct 28: Women's Faith Sharing Group, 1pm, PC
- Oct 29: Youth Mass and Trunk or Treat after Mass
- Nov 1: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Nov 5: Movie Presentation, Wonder, after Mass, BH
- Nov 15: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Nov 19: Coffee/Donuts after Mass, BH

Please email items for the bulletin by 7:30am Wednesday morning to OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com

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