

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: *You're not as strong as you think you are.*

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— 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.

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!** Last count is weekend of Oct. 22 & 23.

ArchdioceseOne Live Virtual Event: October 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM

You're invited to join Archbishop Jackels who will continue the parish phase of ArchdioceseOne by showing our appeal video, talking to you about our financial beneficiaries, as well as the spiritual benefits we hope to achieve. At the end, we'll answer questions that come in ahead of time or live through the chat function. Please register for this event now by using this link: <https://archdioceseone.org/virtual-event>. Once there, click on the button titled: **Register for the Live Virtual Event HERE**



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

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 17 – October 23, 2022

Mon., Oct 17: 11:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Funeral Mass for Mary [Kann] Parker with hour visitation before Mass

Tues., Oct 18: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Anita & Tony Schmelzer

Wed., Oct 19: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Kris Stocks & Fred Bush

Thur., Oct 20: – 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Oct 21: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Oct 22: 1:00 P.M. – Guttenberg – Wedding Ceremony
Anthony Young Jr. & Jessie (Adams) Westhoff

Sat., Oct 22: Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Dec'd of Tschirgi Family
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Arnold & Regina Bries

Sun., Oct 23: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, **Live Streamed**
Arthur Herman/Edwin & Eleanor Frommelt/Albert & Regina Schlueter



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Persistence in Prayer

“because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.”

[Luke 18:5](#)

This passage is from the story of the Persistent Widow. She kept coming to a judge, who cared little about doing the right thing, and persistently begged him for a good judgment. Finally he gave in so as to get her to leave him alone.

Jesus used this story to teach a lesson about the necessity “to pray always without becoming weary” ([Luke 18:1](#)). It’s interesting that the image of the judge is one “who neither feared God nor respected any human being” ([Luke 18:2](#)). But Jesus uses this image of an unjust judge to reveal the power of persistence and to reveal the depths of God’s mercy.

First, we learn that this woman never gave up. So with us, we must never cease to lose hope in prayer. We must pray always, constantly and persistently. It’s not that prayer changes God; rather, prayer changes us and disposes us to receive the immeasurable graces from God.

Second, we learn that if an uncaring judge will eventually give a good decision, then so much more will the merciful and all-loving God pour forth His good judgments in our lives when we trust Him. There should be no doubt in our lives that God can do all good things for us if we but let Him.

Reflect, today, upon how persistent you are in your prayer. The prayer you must seek to live is primarily a prayer of total trust and abandonment to God. You do not change God’s mind by begging Him. Rather, your prayer must be so persistent that it opens you to the will of God and allows His grace to flow in accord with His perfect will.

Lord, I beg of You that Your perfect and holy will be done in my life. I abandon all to You, dear Lord. Do with me as You will. 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.



Lord, teach me to pray without growing weary. Let all of my actions and all of my thoughts be a conversation with you.

Help me to seek out your company in the course of my day. In the midst of my labors and among the people I meet. Teach me that prayer is a surge of my heart. A connection.

A lifeline.

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

Today’s theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God’s gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

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 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: Brunch & Movie “Father Stu” 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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