

# ST. MARY PARISH

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October 17, 2024 ~ Rectory: 563-252-1247 ~ Fr.'s Cell: 563-880-6017 ~ www.maryicjoseph.org

## LIVE THE LITURGY:

~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

In this week's readings, Jesus's model of greatness challenges our expectations of the desire to be special and to stand out. We all want to be great in some way. We might want to be admired at work or seen as a good parent. We might even want to do great things for God. The desire of James and John to be special is based on a false sense of scarcity; they believe there is only so much glory to go around and want to ensure they get their fair share of it. But such scarcity is not an issue with God. This is a God of abundance. When we enter into God's glory, comparison with each other will become meaningless as we are wrapped in God's loving embrace. Rather than demanding that God bend to our will and do for us whatever we ask, we need to yield to his will.

### Fall Fundraiser Info

**Silent Auction:** Bidding ends Sunday at 11:30! Items may be viewed 1/2 hour before and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Online bidding is also available on our Facebook page.

**Raffle:** Drawing will be held Sunday!

**Meal:** Roast Beef Dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, dessert, coffee or milk. Cost \$14; under 5 free. **Sunday, 11am-2pm**, Brinkmann Hall. Volunteers needed to help with dinner. Call Nancy @ 563-880-0280.

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.

### Parish Council Elections:

At our weekend Masses on Oct 19/20, we will be holding parish elections. We are seeking to fill 3 positions on the Parish Council. Don Scherbring and Sue Bahls will be stepping down and there has been an unfilled position for a few years. These are 3-year terms. The candidates who desire to fill these positions are:

Beth Sadewasser          Larry Wille          Jessie (Westhoff) Young

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Scouting America Troop 40 for their work in leveling out the church lawn, reseeding and watering!

### Church Roof Loan Repayment

We have a \$190,000 loan through the Archdiocese of Dubuque that we are making monthly payments of \$10,000. Donations to the roof fund will be made in addition to this payment. Donations may be placed in the collection basket or made online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

Hurricane Relief: Last weekend, \$675.51 was collected and distributed to Catholic Charities USA for the Hurricane Relief efforts.

**!!! THANK YOU !!!**

### Faith Formation Info:

Join us for Youth Mass on Sunday, October 27

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



Decorated car trunks are needed!

### Mass Schedule: Oct 21 – Oct 27, 2024

**Mon. Oct 21:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Oct 22:** 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*LaVerne Troester(Month's Mind) & Joe Wille*

**Wed., Oct 23:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Jeff Bolsinger*

**Thur., Oct 24:** 8:30 A.M.—River Living Center, Guttenberg  
*Gladys Hebert*

**Fri., Oct 25:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Judy Blattel*  
9:00-9:45 A.M. — Confessions

**Sat., Oct 26:** Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday in Time  
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*People of the Parish*  
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Lynne Finnegan*

**Sun., Oct 27:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
*People of the Parish*  
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*  
*People of the Parish*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: True Greatness in Service

source: young-catholics.com

In Mark 10:35-45, James and John ask Jesus for positions of honor. Jesus teaches them that true greatness comes from serving others. He came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many.

Jesus's response turns worldly ideas of power and authority upside down. True leadership in the Kingdom of God is about humility and service, not seeking honor for oneself. He calls us to follow His example.

This lesson challenges us to examine our desires and ambitions. Are we seeking personal glory, or are we willing to serve others selflessly? True greatness is found in humility and service, as shown by Jesus.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Teach us to love others as You love us. Give us the strength to serve selflessly and seek Your Kingdom above all. Amen.

From the Choir Director . . .

We would like to grow and expand our musical offerings at our Masses. We are looking for people with an interest in singing, playing an instrument or directing. Please contact Gina Dahlstrom-Osburn, 563-213-9021 or Jerry Balk, 563-580-4539



At Masses on November 2nd and 3rd, we will remember those in our parishes who have died in the past year. A family member is asked to pick up and lite a candle and take it with them after the Prayer of the Faithful.

**St. Joseph:** Gene Egleseder; L'Dean Berns; Joseph Wille; Ron Bauer; Rita Gerner; John Berns; Cole Wille; Bonnie Puelz; LaVerne Troester

**St. Mary:** Daniel Goerdt; James Gamerdinger; Trudy Vogt; John Ertl; Robert Waterhouse; Mary Gamerdinger; Gary Kann; Sandra Rausch, Karen Kennicker

**Immaculate Conception:** Patrick Hefel; Lorraine Hefel; Linda S. Ludovissy

On Sunday, November 3, during 10am Mass, Fr. Paul will be installed as Pastor of our 3-linked parishes by Fr. Mark Osterhaus. Please join us for Mass!

### Join Us in Praying for God's Protection over our Country

Inspired by our Blessed Virgin Mother, the **Patriotic Rosary** is a powerful prayer for divine protection and mercy for our Country.

**Sunday, November 3, 5:30 pm, St. Mary Church**

This week, our parish will take up the *Fall Our Call to Share collection*. This is a 4-in-1 collection, where donations are collected for four international ministries focusing on the Catholic Church outside our borders. The Collection weekend is October 19-20, 2024. A brochure and return envelope will arrive in your mail the week of October 14.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family:

Take a few minutes today to offer prayers of gratitude for all the people who serve you and your family. Think of those who are easy to take for granted—the letter carrier, the waiter or waitress at the restaurant, your assistant at work, the garbage collector, your spouse, and even your children. Say “Thank you” to these and others who serve you in any way in the week to come. When you are with your family, help them become more aware of all who serve them in quiet and faithful ways too. Teach them to say “Thank you” and encourage them to be grateful for the care and goodness these servants bring into your lives.

~<http://www.rclblectionary.com>

### A Stewardship Moment

Good stewards must not argue about who is most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

### Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Oct 17: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC

Oct 19/20: Parish Council Elections

Oct 20: Roast Beef Dinner, 11-2

Silent Auction Ends at 11:30; Raffle Drawing

Catholic Daughters Sunday

Oct 21: Vitality Meeting, 6:30pm, PC

Oct 22: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30am, PC

Oct 23: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm

Oct 24: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC

Oct 27: Youth Mass, 10am; Trick or Trunk after Mass

Oct 28: Friends of St. Mary Meeting, 6:30pm, Convent

Nov 3: Fr. Paul's Installation Mass, 10:00am

Patriotic Rosary, 5:30pm, St. Mary Church

Nov 5: CDA Meeting, Noon, BH

Nov 6: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC

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