

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Love and Compassion

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The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A emphasize the imperative to love and show compassion to others, especially those who are vulnerable or marginalized. In Exodus, God instructs the Israelites not to mistreat foreigners, widows, or orphans and to lend to those in need without interest. In Matthew, Jesus sums up the law with the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor.

The laws which God gave to Israel were meant to protect the vulnerable: widows, orphans, foreigners. They were meant to alleviate suffering, and to remind the Israelites that they had also suffered and that God had rescued them. Jesus points out that the many laws were all contained in "Love God" and "Love your neighbor." This is the point of these precepts. The word used for love is "agape" which is more than just a feeling of friendship or affection. It is a love committed to action.

Both passages remind us that our ethical and spiritual responsibilities are interconnected. Loving God is closely tied to how we treat others. So we are also called to love the marginalized in our world. And we must not just love them by thinking well of them. We are called to action.

Roofing Projects for 2024

The roofs on the church and the old school building need replacing. The parish council/finance committee members reviewed estimates at their last meeting and have selected the contractor who will be onsite in the next couple of weeks to firm up their estimate. A fundraising campaign will start soon. Projects to be done in 2024. More info to come.

Fall Fundraiser

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Gerald & Karen Kennicker, Marty and Jayne Bries, Keith and Sue Saeugling and Dick and Rosie Kann.

Whether you made a donation, purchased a ticket, donated a silent auction item, purchased a silent auction item or helped with the auction, **Thank You!!!!**

Movie Presentation "Wonder": Nov 5, After Mass

On November 5, the "WONDER" movie will be presented after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, in Brinkmann Hall. The Parish Life Committee will provide a **FREE** light luncheon of soup and snacks prior to the movie starting about 11:30. The movie, "WONDER," tells the story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that 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 new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance.

Communion Distribution

Beginning this weekend, those wishing to receive communion should come forth to the front of church. Those unable to come to the front should stand in your pew and the Eucharistic Minister will come to you after serving those who come to the front. Also, if you are homebound and would like communion distributed to you, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Mass Schedule: Oct 30 – Nov 5, 2023

Mon., Oct 30: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Oct 31: Eve of Feast of All Saints

5:30 P.M.-St. Mary, Guttenberg, *People of the Parish*

Wed., Nov 1: Feast of All Saints

8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo, *Angeline Berns*

Thur., Nov 2: Feast of All Souls' Day

10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center

Fri., Nov 3: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Nov 4: Vigil of Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo

Janaan Bauer

5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg

Jerry Kolker [Months Mind]

***** Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks Back 1 hour *****

Sun., Nov 5: Thirty-First 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**

Clara Evers & Lydia Kann

Challenge for the week:

Jesus first instructs us to love God with everything we have. But he also tells us to love our neighbor. Why? Because if we can't love the person who is right in front of us, then how can we love God?

This week, try to do something out of love for someone you don't necessarily like. If nothing else, pray for them every day.

Extra Bibles?

The social justice committee delivers bibles to the Clayton County jail inmates monthly and is in need of more books to distribute. If you have any extra bibles that you would like to donate, please place them in the box in the back of church.

Food Shelf Weekend: The 2nd collection next weekend will be for the food pantry at the Family Resource Center in Guttenberg.

KC Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In; St. Mary Church
Sunday, November 12, 8-11:30am
Free will donation.

Do you want to show your thanks for your many blessings? Giving to Clayton County Womenade is your opportunity to do it!! Any donation is accepted. This money goes entirely to the support of struggling families referred by agencies in Clayton County.

Clayton County Womenade has provided over \$97,000 in aid since it's inception in 2013! Already this year over \$18,000 has been awarded, which is a significant increase from past years. The need is great!

Clayton County Womenade will gather in November!!

At the Stadium on **November 14, 2023 at 12:00 noon.**
All are invited! Donations may also be made at or mailed to Peoples State Bank, 15 Goethe St., PO Box 430, Guttenberg, IA 52052

Beckman Catholic Open House- Parents and students are invited to Beckman Catholic's Open House on Sunday, November 12 from 5:00-7:30pm. Come and have a chance to hear about our academic achievements, college credit offerings, and learn more about an affordable education with the passage of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs). Please register for a guided tour led by one of our Student Ambassadors: <https://signup.com/go/QeLdPqg> or by contacting Lauren Anstoetter at lanstoetter@beckmancatholic.org or 563-875-7188

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**Remembering those who have died this past year
Weekend of Nov. 5 & 6 at all 3-linked parishes**

A representative of each deceased is asked to light a candle at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful and then take the candle with them.

St. Joseph: Kim William Schulte, Dr. James Auer, Gerald Hoeger, Glenn Berns, Lois Mueller, David 'Butch' Rohner and Francis Stroschein

St. Mary: Shirley Davies, Barbara Pape, Lydia Kann, Thomas Kuempel, Gary Westhoff, Arnold Roepke, Robert 'Bob' Hoffmann, Elaine Hoffmann, Floyd Westhoff, Betty Klein, Jerrill 'Jerry' Kolker and Bernita Moser

Immaculate Conception: Elmer Henkels, Stella Hefel and Bonnie Lewis.

The "ADVENT & CHRISTMAS" booklets are now available at the entry ways of church. Advent begins Sunday December 3rd.

A Stewardship Moment

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest, : Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Oct 26 Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Oct 29: Youth Mass and Trunk or Treat after Mass
- Oct 31: Scripture Study, 7:30-10:30am, PC
- Nov 1: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Faith Formation, 6pm
- Nov 2: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Nov 5: Movie Presentation, Wonder, after Mass, BH
- Nov 7: CDA Mtg at Noon in Monona
KC Mtg, 7:30pm
- Nov 8: Faith Formation, 6pm
- Nov 11-26: Festival of Trees, Convent
- Nov 12: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am
Youth Mass in Honor of Veterans
- 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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