

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Sparking Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

On this first week of November, we remember those 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. This will be done during Masses November 5th and 6th.

**St. Mary, Guttenberg:** Steven Meder, Kevin Meder, Mary Tujetsch, Sherrie Westemeier, Julie Schlueter, Donna Balk, Edward 'Pete' Davis, Janice Rohner, David Eglseder, Gary Noack, Francis 'Frank' Spielbauer, Beverly 'Jane' Elsinger, Sharon Friedlein and Mary Parker.

**St. Joseph, Garnavillo:** Rosemary 'Rosie' Berns and Philip Moser

**Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista:** Shirley Brimeyer, LaVonne Brimeyer, Warren 'Shorty' Hefel, Pauline Smith and Robert 'Bob' Cook



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

Saturday, November 12 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo during Mass

**Wren Rosemary Clefisch**

infant daughter of Luke & Amanda (Mueller) Clefisch

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

## Mass Schedule: October 31 – November 6, 2022

**Mon., Oct 31:** 5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
"Vigil of Feast of All Saints" – *People of the Parish*

**Tues., Nov 1:** 4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
"Feast of All Saints" – *People of the Parish*

**Wed., Nov 2:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
"Feast of All Souls" - *Ann Olinger & Kathleen Bockenstedt*

**Thur., Nov 3:** – 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center  
*Leon Berns & Edward 'Pete' Davis*

**Fri., Nov 4:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Nov 5:** Vigil of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Norma & Jack Eulberg*  
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Albert 'Chips' & Marie Bieber*

\*\*\* Daylight Savings Time Ends: Move clocks back 1-hour \*\*\*

**Sun., Nov 6:** 32nd 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  
*Rosemary Menke*

**"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon  
them!"**

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION: Overcoming Obstacles**

“Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” [Luke 19:5](#)

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning.

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it.

Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart. Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord.

Regardless of whether or not you are “successful” from a worldly point of view, it’s essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That “unfulfilled desire” refers to any way that God is not fully the center of your life. Some people try to fulfill this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.

*Lord, I desire to choose You above all things. May I never be drawn to the things of this world more than I am drawn to You. Increase my desire for You and give me the courage I need to be faithful to You always. I love You, dear Lord. Please increase my love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*~source: mycatholic.life*

**SCRIP:** We need your help in closing out the SCRIP inventory that remains at Peoples State Bank. Available: Benders, Caseys, Essers, Kwik Star and Subway. Thank you in advance for your help!

### **Gospel reflection questions for children:**

**Oct. 30 — Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Luke 19:1-10:* Today’s Gospel is found only in Luke. During Jesus’ time, tax collectors were disliked. Zacchaeus, a tax collector, climbed a tree in order to see what was happening better since he was so short. Jesus called him down, telling him he will have dinner with him in his house that night.

**Why do you think Jesus chose Zacchaeus to talk to?**

The “**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**” booklets are available at the entry ways of church. As the advent season approaches, please keep in mind the annual **Giving Tree** project. The tree will be at the back of church around Thanksgiving.

### **A Stewardship Moment**

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul’s prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too - “that our God may make (us) worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith.”

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 **will hold a gathering in November!!** Stadium Bar and Grill in Guttenberg on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 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  
We can now also accept donations through Paypal!

### **Upcoming Parish Events . . . .**

- Oct 30: **Youth Mass, Trick your Trunk**
- Nov 1: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall  
CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall  
KC Mtg, 7:30pm
- Nov 2: Faith Formation, 6-7pm  
Youth Ministry, 6:15-8pm
- Nov 3: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 9: Faith Formation, 6-7pm  
Youth Ministry, 6:15-8pm
- Nov 13: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am  
Youth Mass in honor of Veterans, 10am

Please note the parish office/secretary has a new email address. It is:  
**OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com**  
Please begin using this email address.