

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Giving as God Does

Ask yourself this question: what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God, we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God. Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Sunday, October 31 at Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista after Mass

**Marcella Katherine O'Meara**

daughter of Tim Hefel & Myranda O'Meara

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

### KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Drive-thru and Limited indoor seating available

St. Mary Church  
**Sunday, Nov. 14**

8:00am—11:30am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation.

Proceeds to the Guttenberg Veterans  
Angels for the Quilts of Valor



### St Mary IC School, Guttenberg Fall Rummage and Bake Sale

**Thursday, November 4th -  
1:00pm-6:00pm**

**Friday, November 5th -  
8:00am-6:00pm**

**Saturday, November 6th -  
8:00am-2:00pm,**

**Special Pricing and Good Deals  
Everyday**

### Mass Schedule: Nov. 1 – Nov. 7, 2021

**Mon., Nov 1: 8:30 A.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg- 7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr.**  
“FEAST OF ALL SAINTS” *People of the Parish*  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

**Tues., Nov 2:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass  
“FEAST OF ALL SOULS” *People of the Parish*

**Wed., Nov 3:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Thur., Nov 4:** 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center  
**No Mass due to COVID**

**Fri., Nov 5:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Nov 6:** Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Time  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass  
*Sharon Berns*

5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass

*Donald Rohner [Month's Mind]*

**\*\* Daylight Savings Time Ends – set clock back 1 hour \*\***

**Sun., Nov 7:** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*  
*Catholic Daughters of America Court #1545*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: Love of God and Neighbor**

“The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these.” [Mark 12:31](#)

The first and greatest Commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. But Jesus goes on to give us the second most important Commandment. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

First of all, it’s important to point out that loving God with all your might is the greatest Commandment, in part, because unless you do so, you cannot also love your neighbor. Love of neighbor hinges on whether you love God with your whole being. Only when you love God can that love overflow into other relationships.

When you look at the love of neighbor as an effect of the overflow of your love of God, this second Commandment takes on a clearer meaning. Jesus doesn’t only say to love your neighbor, He says to do so “as yourself.” So how do you love yourself? You do so primarily by fulfilling the First Commandment of the love of God.

Loving God with your whole self is, in fact, the best way to also love yourself. Why? Because we were made for love and communion with God. Loving God is not some extra favor we do for God; rather, it’s a way of fulfilling the deepest meaning of who we are. We are made for love and we are made for God. Therefore, loving God is the best way to love yourself.

From this starting point, we then move to a better understanding of how we are called to love our neighbor. If the fulfillment of loving yourself is found by loving God and being in an intimate relationship of love with God, then you love your neighbor as yourself by drawing your neighbor into a relationship of love with God also. There is nothing you could do that is more loving for others than to act as a bridge between them and God. And the more directly you act as that bridge, the greater your love for them and the more completely you fulfill this Commandment.

Reflect, today, upon the ways that you act as a bridge of love between God and others. Recognize this as your absolute duty, privilege and honor. Commit yourself to a wholehearted love of God and allow that love to overflow and be poured out upon all those with whom you encounter every day. Love is contagious, and it must consume everything you are and everything you do.

*Lord, I desire to love You with my whole being. Increase my love for You and allow that love to overflow into every relationship I have in life. May love be the one and only mission of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.* source: mycatholiclife.com

**Remembering those who died in our 3-Linked Parishes the past year of the weekend of November 6 & 7, 2021**  
(A family member is asked to light & take a candle in remembrance of their loved one after the Prayer of the Faithful)

**St. Mary of Guttenberg (either Sat. or Sun.):** Anna ‘Ann’ Marie [Scheller] Olinger, Kathleen Romanda [Fassbinder] Bockenstedt, Gerald Eugene Boge, Jerry Lea [Herman] Geuder, Dorothy Rose [Meyer] Eglseder, Lee Anthony Schissel, Joanne ‘Joannie’ Marguerite [Spang] Clark, Freddie Dale Bush, Shirley Ann [Boyce] Kann, Robert F. Hoffman, Thomas James Tujetsch, Lynne Marie [Vaske] Finnegan, William ‘Bill’ Lelifeld, Raymond Paul Wille, Robert Lee Klaes, Stanley Carl Friedlein, Laura Ann [Loecke] Wille, Verdus Joseph Kann, Mary Ann [Terpstra] Ernster, James Anthony Frommelt, Donald Francis Rohner and Carol Lynne [Lange] Worderhoff.

**St. Joseph of Garnavillo** – Edna Marie [Welter] Rausch, Margaret Clara [Mueller] Schlueter, Marion Elizabeth [Stroschein] Moses, Bertha Claire [Cole] Behrend, Barbara Jeanne [Burlingame] Mohning, Sharon Ann [Moreland] Berns, Harold Aloysius Mueller, Leon Anthony Berns, Patricia [Auer] Niehaus, Henry Augustine Mueller and Leonard ‘Lennie’ Alan Thein.

**Immaculate Conception of N. Buena Vista** – Leila Louise [Moser] Hefel, Earl Richard Brimeyer, Gregory James Hefel, Mary Catherine [Breitbach] Ludovissy, Darrell J. Hefel and Robert ‘Bob’ Dean

**A Stewardship Moment**

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward?

All of my heart,  
all of my soul,  
all of my mind,  
and all of my strength!

**Upcoming Parish Events . . . .**

- Oct 27: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00 in Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 28: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 2: Scripture Study; 8:30 AM Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 2: CDA Meeting, Noon at Monona
- Nov 2: KC Mtg, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 3: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00 in Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 4: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall
- Nov 6/7: Food Shelf Weekend sponsored by CDA
- Nov 14: KC Breakfast, 8-11:30am; Veterans Eat Free