

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Making the List

(Living Faith devotional for Sunday Nov. 1)

Who do you know that's a saint? I assure you, we all know someone whether they are canonized (celebrated by the Church) or not, and whether they're living or not!

This Sunday (Nov. 1) we celebrate All Saints Day and the "Living Faith" Daily Devotional does a great job of putting it in perspective for us when the author Fr. James McKarns says ... "On All Saints Day and every day, I revere all the saints who have impressed and inspired me to live a better life." He goes on to define some of these saints as ... "people I have known personally who have died after living holy and inspiring lives of faith in Jesus. This group consists of family, teachers, clergy, religious sisters, and many parishioners I have known ...". Doesn't that thought make you happy? Doesn't it make you smile? The fact that YOU have experienced saints in your life!

Take some time and think about those people that have been saints in your life, then thank God for having placed them there.

Dear Lord ... Thank you for loving us. Thank you for placing saints in our life to help us see and recognize you. Help us to remember and imitate them so that we are drawn closer to you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

### OCTOBER is "RIGHT TO LIFE" MONTH

During this month we collect baby items for Birthright of Dubuque. Since we got started late we will extend this collection through the first two weeks of November. Place clothing and items in bassinet by St. Mary's altar.



**What's this STO all about?** It's about supporting our kids, particularly those in families who otherwise may not be able to afford a Catholic school education *and* making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the *Our Faith School Tuition Organization* (STO) qualify for a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$650, which reduces your Iowa tax bill by \$650. That means, for a maximum cost to you of \$350, you're able to provide \$1000 in need-based assistance to families! And remember, a gift to the STO also qualifies as a charitable contribution on your federal income taxes, if you itemize deductions. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more.

Going shopping or out to eat? Looking for a gift? Stop by People's State Bank in Guttenberg to purchase gift cards. Available Gift Cards: Dicks, Old Navy/Gap, Old Chicago, Applebees, Blooming Branches, Essers, iTunes, Kwik Trip, Kohls, Menards, Papa Murphys, Olive Garden, Stadium, Subway

### Public Mass Schedule: Nov 2 – Nov 8, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

**Mon., Nov 2:** [No Mass Scheduled], "All Souls"

**Tues., Nov 3:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Amy Hoeger*

**Wed., Nov 4:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, 2nd Grade  
"St. Charles Borromeo" – *Clara Nieland*

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

**Fri., Nov 6:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Nov 7:** VIGIL OF THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Anita & Tony Schmelzer*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Florence 'Flossie' Eilers*

**Sun., Nov 8:** THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN TIME  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
*People of the Parish*  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Gene Tujetsch*

**Do you have a desire to serve youth?** Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to cook a simple meal for our Youth Ministry nights. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. If interested, please contact Katey Simon at [youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us).

**Mass Readings for November 1, 2020:**

**Reading 1:** [RV 7:2-4, 9-14](#): I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

**Responsorial Psalm:** [S 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](#): **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. /R/

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. /R/

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. /R/

**Reading 2:** [1 JN 3:1-3](#): Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [MT 11:28](#)

**Gospel:** [MT 5:1-12A](#): When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



**BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:**  
 Sunday, Nov. 1 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass  
**Isaiah Michael Hartson**  
 son of Roman & Elizabeth [Simon] Hartson  
 May you grow in age, knowledge & wisdom in the Lord!

- Upcoming Events . . .**  
**Oct 31/Nov 1:** KC Tootsie Roll Drive after Communion  
**Nov. 3:** CDA Mtg, Noon, Brinkmann Hall  
**Nov. 4:** Youth Ministry/Confirmation, 6:30-8:00pm; Masks needed; meal provided  
**Nov 10:** KC Mtg, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall  
**Nov. 18:** Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm; Masks needed; meal provided; Brinkmann Hall

What fruit do scarecrows love the most? Straw-berries!

**HONORING ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR – Nov. 7 & 8**  
 A representative of each deceased is invited to light a special candle at the end of the "Prayer of the Faithful" and take with them.

**St. Joseph, Garnavillo:** Noreen [Berns] Rowland, Michael Matt, Paul Puelz, Cynthia [Reth] Mueller, Shirley [Weber] Swisher, Charles Bries, & Tracy Werges

**Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista:** Rosemary [Baltes] Boge & Steven Hefel

**St. Mary, Guttenberg: Sat. or Sun. Masses**  
 Bernice [Koehn] Haas, Jeffery White, Harlan Herkes, Patricia [Dugan] Scheffert, Oliver Michael Scott, Patricia [Ottaway] Schlueter, Claire [Kords] Frommelt, Joyce [Bayliss] Cherne & Carolyn [Cook] Oberbroeckling