

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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If today you hear His voice, **Harden not your hearts.**

Psalm 95:7-8

I love this Psalm! Why? Because it shows us so much about ourselves and what God would like us to change. At its root it is reminding us that we need to rejoice when we hear God's voice (or discern His guidance). Even when it's not what we want to hear.

Rejoice (don't harden your heart) when you feel God is asking you to ...

-Forgive someone

-Help another

-Donate more of your time, talent, and treasure

-Mentor someone

-Change something about yourself

Yes ... Rejoice! Because the God of all creation is talking TO YOU, and He's trying to help you grow to become more like Him! If today you hear His voice ... Rejoice!

Dear Lord ... Help us to recognize your voice, and to rejoice rather than grumble when you ask us to do the hard things in life that help us to grow to be more like you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

Sunday, Sept 6, 10 AM

Sunday, Sept 13, 10 AM

Fall Festival Update:

We have collected **\$20,200** toward our goal of \$26,000. The drawing for 4 \$500 prizes will be held Sunday, September 13. The Silent Auction continues each weekend and on Facebook through September 20th at noon.



Faith Formation Program for 2020-2021

Due to Covid-19 there has been a change in the way we run our program for our 3-linked parishes. Elementary religious education for 1st through 6th grade will be moved to a week after school is out like a summer camp program. It will take place June 7th – 11th. 7th through 12th grade will have a special schedule once a month either on a Wednesday night or Sunday night. Details will be mailed later to eligible students. In order to be part of the special Mass that ends the school year for the 12th grade students must participate in those classes.

Public Mass Schedule: Sept 7 – Sept 13, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

Mon., Sept 7: [No Mass Scheduled], "Labor Day"

Tues., Sept 8: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary"
Chuck Peterman

Wed., Sept 9: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, **4th/5th Grade**
"St. Peter Claver" – *Gladys & Marie Gorton*

Thur., Sept 10: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Sept 11: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Sept 12: VIGIL OF TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Bernadette Stroschein
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Florence 'Flossie' Eilers

Sun., Sept 13: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Fran Troester(1st Anniv.) & Bob Hartmann

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: 8TH – 12TH GRADE

Held at St. Mary's Church & Hall in Guttenberg

Sat., Sept. 12 - begins with Mass and Rite of Enrollment
at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 13 – begins with Mass at 10:00 a.m. until 3 p.m.
(Lunch both days sponsored by ladies of St. Mary & Knights of Columbus)

Mass Readings for September 6, 2020:

Reading 1: [EZ 33:7-9](#)

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. /R/

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. /R/

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.” /R/

Reading 2: [ROM 13:8-10](#)

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** [2 COR 5:19](#)

Gospel: [MT 18:15-20](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, **Drive-thru Style**



St. Mary Church Parking Lot

Sunday, September 13, 8:00am—11:30am

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Hashbrowns
and Cinnamon Rolls

Confirmation, September 19 and 20 — Registrations are due now; please call the rectory: 563-252-1247 or

email Fr. Bries at: dbq096@dbqarch.org

A required preparation retreat will be held on Sept 12 and 13

Tom Hegna Don't Worry. Retire Happy Seminar

Tom Hegna, internationally acclaimed retirement expert will be conducting a virtual seminar **Don't Worry. Retire Happy**, one night only **Thursday September 17th at 7PM**. This seminar is free to the faithful with pre-registration required. Tom will hit on topics like Medicare, Medicaid, taxes and social security. He will also discuss valuable information on the use of life insurance, annuities and long term care insurance. *Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to see Tom Hegna for free.* To register please email walter.witt@kofc.org. Or call (563) 419-0400. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Insurance of Iowa.

Upcoming Events

Aug 29—Sep 20: After Weekend Masses: Silent Auction Open in Brinkmann Hall

Sept 5/6: Collection for Derecho Victims

Sept 12/13: Confirmation Retreat

Sept 13: Fall Festival Drawing

Sept 13: KC Drive-thru Breakfast

Sept 19/20: Confirmation

Sept 26/27: Christ Our Life Conf, Des Moines, (Virtually)

“**The Bible Timeline**” scripture study has been **CANCELLED** for this fall due to the COVID-19 virus. Tentatively, we will resume the study on **Tuesday, January 19, 8:30 AM** (new time) and **Thursday, January 21, 7:00 PM** in Brinkmann Hall. The study will continue with **Session #5**. For further information, call Jerry Balk at 563-252-2361.