

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Help! Your prayers are needed.

This weekend is the Confirmation Preparatory Retreat for our 8th through 12th graders with their actual Confirmation taking place next weekend, and ... They Need Your Prayers! As you know Confirmation is inducting these youth more fully into the faith life of our Christian Community by sealing them with the Holy Spirit.

As their faith community it is important that you not only invite them into our parish, but actually empower them to act on the prompting of the Holy Spirit by praying to God to touch their hearts, minds, and souls through His Holy Spirit during this week prior to their confirmation. Please join me in praying the following prayer for them every day through Sunday September 20 when our last Confirmant will receive this sacrament.

Dear Lord ... I beg you to send your Holy Spirit upon every one of the individuals in our confirmation class as well as all of those involved with this confirmation effort. Please touch their hearts, minds, and souls so that they burn with a passion for sharing your love with the world around them. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Thank you in advance for your prayers. God will bless you just as you bless others.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook(FB)

Sunday, Sept 13, 10 AM

Sunday, Sept 20, 10 AM(FB only)

Fall Festival Update:

We have collected **\$25,130** 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.



Thank You!!!

Faith Formation Program 2020-2021

Elementary: 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.

Youth Ministry: 7th through 12th grade will have a special schedule twice a month on Wednesday nights beginning Wed., Sept. 23rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Brinkmann Hall at St. Mary, Guttenberg.

Special Note: In order to be part of the Baccalaureate Mass that ends the school year for the 12th grade, students must participate in the Youth Ministry classes.

Public Mass Schedule: Sept 14 – Sept 20, 2020

Please use sanitizer, practice social distancing & masks encouraged

Mon., Sept 14: [No Mass Scheduled],
“Exaltation of the Holy Cross”

Tues., Sept 15: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
“Our Lady of Sorrows” – *Norbert & Lucile Kuehl*

Wed., Sept 16: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, **3rd Grade**
“Ss. Cyprian & Cornelius” – *Charlie Bries*

Thur., Sept 17: [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri., Sept 18: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sacrament of Confirmation at all 3-linked parishes this weekend!

Sat., Sept 19: VIGIL OF TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN TIME
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Bernadette Stroschein
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Carolyn Oberbroeckling (Month Mind)

Sun., Sept 20: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN TIME
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Marvin Nieland

Confirmation: Archbishop Michael Jackels has given permission for pastors to administer Confirmation on the weekend of Sept. 19th & 20th, 2020. Sponsors for each candidate must be a confirmed practicing Catholic and not their parent. If you cannot find a sponsor, four of our team members will be available as a sponsor.

Mass Readings for September 13, 2020:

Reading 1: [SIR 27:30—28:7](#) Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12](#)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. /R/

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. /R/

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. /R/

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. /R/

Reading 2: [ROM 14:7-9](#) Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. R.

Alleluia, alleluia. JN 13:34

Gospel: [MT 18:21-35](#) Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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

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

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

Sept 12/13: Confirmation Retreat

Sept 13: Fall Festival Drawing

Sept 13: KC Drive-thru Breakfast

Sept 17: Don't Worry Retire Happy virtual seminar

Sept 19/20: Confirmation

"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