

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Schedule: September 19, – September 25, 2022

Mon., Sept 19: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Sept 20: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"Korean Martyrs" – *Anita & Tony Schmelzer*

Wed., Sept 21: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
"St. Matthew" - *Claude & Claire Frommelt*

Thur., Sept 22: – 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Dec'd of Bries/Goerd Family

Fri., Sept 23: [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Padre Pio"

Sat., Sept 24: Vigil of 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Lee Smith

5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
People of the Parish

Sun., Sept 25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Lynne Finnegan & Fran Troester

Social after 10:00 am Mass and Ramp Dedication



**Brinkmann Hall
this Sunday, Sept. 18**

Parish Life will have donuts,
coffee,
juice and milk for your
enjoyment.

Fellowship

Fall Fundraiser Information

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:

Jeff Burr
Virginia Saeugling
Jim & Maggie Schlueter
Don Scherbring

Total Raffle & Donations to Date: \$14,100
Silent Auction —will have total next week.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: God or Money?

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” [Luke 16:13](#)

Many people dream of being rich. Having a lot of money brings with it a certain amount of security and freedom to do many things that most people could not. Money, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. If one is rich, that is fine. If one is poor, that is fine. From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little.

With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your “master.” Interestingly, even those who are poor can allow money to become their master when they allow the desire for more to dominate their lives. The key is in the desire and the healthy detachment.

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is. In the big picture, money has very little value. It’s a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfillment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with being overly attached to money, or the lack thereof. God promises to provide for you in your need, so it’s essential that you trust Him. And if your financial needs are more than met, be grateful and cultivate generosity as you seek to detach from money as a false source of happiness. Let your heart only be filled with the rich grace of God as its source of fulfillment and you will be rich in the truest sense.

Lord of all, help me to keep You as the one and only Master of my life. Give me the grace I need to detach from all that is of this world, so as to live for You and in accord with Your will alone. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You above all else. Jesus, I trust in You.
source: mycatholiclife.com

St. Joseph Parish, Garnavillo

Hog Roast

Saturday, October 8, 5-7 pm

Faith Formation

Faith Formation will be on Wednesday nights starting **September 21st**.

2nd-6th grade 6-7pm, New School Bldg

7th-12th grade 6:15-8:00pm (On Sept 21, Meet at Vet’s Field behind Casey’s for a kickball game and pizza)

Please register at:

<https://forms.gle/fai8FKP36hQNMYSB6>

Interested in Sunday School that would possibly be held on Sunday mornings during Mass for PreK-1st grade? If so, please call the parish office, 252-1247.

A Stewardship Moment

The dishonest manager in today’s parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Gospel reflection questions for children:

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13: Today’s Gospel is a parable about a dishonest steward; then Jesus gives two important messages. He says that if you can trust someone in little things, you can trust them in bigger things. Second, Jesus says that money should not be more important than God in our lives.

Money is necessary, but what do we do with it? How do we respect our possessions and other people’s possessions? When was the last time you shared with the poor? Do you waste things? Do you care for the earth and all its resources?

Upcoming Parish Events (BH = Brinkmann Hall)

Sept 18: Handicap Ramp Blessing & Dedication after Mass, Coffee and Donuts after ramp dedication

Sept 21: Faith Formation — 6-7pm for grades 2-6, New School Bldg
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8 for 7th-12th grade, meet at Vet’s Field behind Casey’s for a kickball game & pizza

Sept 27: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall

Sept 28: Faith Formation, 6-7pm for grades 2-6
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8pm for gr 7-12

Sept 29: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall

Oct 4: CDA meeting at noon in Monona
KC Meeting, 7:30 pm

Please submit newsletter items by Tuesday night to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us