

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week: Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have “earned,” on what they have “coming to them.” We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

October is the month of the rosary to be said at home by every family member. It is also when we submit Mass attendance counts to the Archdiocese. Bring your family and invite others who have not been to weekend Masses. **The future of your parish is up to you in prayer and worship in your home church!**

October is Respect Life Month- we will be accepting donations of new and gently used baby clothing, diapers and baby toiletries to be given to Birthright in Dubuque. Place your donations in the bassinet on the altar.

KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Drive-thru and Dine In; St. Mary Church

Sunday, October 9,

8:00am—11:30am

Free will donation.

Proceeds to Council's General Fund



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

Sunday, October 9 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Noah Allen Mains

son of Jason & Claire (McGee) Mains

Saturday, October 15 at St. Mary, Guttenberg after Mass

Warren Vaughn Griep

son of Jeremiah & Kayleen (Keehner) Griep.

Permission to baptize from pastor of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Clinton, Iowa

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

Mass Schedule: October 3 – October 9, 2022

Mon., Oct 3: [No Mass scheduled]

Tues., Oct 4: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
“St. Francis of Assisi” – *Henry Mueller*

Wed., Oct 5: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Frank & Jackie Spielbauer

Thur., Oct 6: – 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Leon Berns & Pete Davis

Fri., Oct 7: [No Mass Scheduled], “Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary”

Sat., Oct 8: Vigil of 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Lawrence & Marie Moses
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Ann Olinger

Sun., Oct 9: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
Pauline Smith [Month's Mind]
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Live Streamed
Carol Schlueter

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Seeking Praise

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” [Luke 17:10b](#)

This is a hard command to live. Most often when we have done something well, and fulfilled our duty, we seek recognition and praise. We want to be noticed. And while this may be a “normal” reaction, it’s not the most humble reaction. Humility comes in many degrees, and the deepest degree of humility allows a person to repeat this passage above and mean it.

First, we must realize that the will of God is good for us. It imposes an obligation of love on us. When we fulfill God’s will, we should take delight in that fact alone because it is good. That way, the fulfillment of God’s will becomes the source of our joy, not the recognition of others.

On the other hand, it is good when we see goodness in others and acknowledge it. We should do this not to build up their ego but to give praise to God for the good thing done. And when others see and acknowledge God’s will accomplished in our lives, we must accept their praise not as a source of our pride but as an honest acknowledgment that God is good and His will is being fulfilled. We must be grateful that we could do “what we were obliged to do.” Embracing the will of God as a holy “obligation” also enables us to fulfill it more fully. When doing the will of God is seen as something extraordinary, we may not build a proper habit of fulfilling it. But when it’s seen as our duty of love and as the normal act we should fulfill, it’s easier to embrace His will more completely.

Reflect, today, on this humble phrase. “We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.” Try to say it, mean it and let it become the foundation of your daily service of God’s will. Doing so will set you on the “fast track” toward holiness.

Lord, I am an unprofitable servant. When I fulfill Your holy will, I acknowledge that this is a holy obligation of love and my most fundamental duty. Help me to see Your will as the most normal part of my daily life. Help me to embrace it with wholehearted faith and obedience. Jesus, I trust in You.
source: mycatholiclife.com

Save the Date: On October 23, the “**FATHER STU**” movie will be presented after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, in Brinkmann Hall. The Parish Life Committee will provide a **FREE “brunch”** with the movie starting about 11:30.

Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny and uplifting story about finding purpose in a most unexpected place. After surviving a terrible motorcycle accident, Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) wonders if he can use his second chance to help others find their way — and leads this former amateur boxer to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a priest. Despite a devastating health crisis and the skepticism of Church officials and his estranged parents (Mel Gibson and Jacki Weaver), Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him but countless others along the way.

The Clarity Clinic/Pregnancy Center fundraising banquet will be on Thursday, October 6 at the Grand River Center. Doors open at 5:45 and Dinner is at 6:30. Kathy Cook will be the speaker. There is no cost to attend and there will be an appeal at the end of the evening. Dress is business casual. You must RSVP to attend. Please call the clinic at 557-3123 or email: dennis.rima@clarityclinic.com

A Stewardship Moment

When will I have given enough - of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say ‘We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.’”

St. Joseph Parish, Garnavillo

Hog Roast

Saturday, October 8, 5-7 pm

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

- Oct 3: 6:30 pm—Finance & Administration Mtg
7:00pm— Parish Council Mtg
- Oct 4: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
CDA meeting at noon in Monona
KC Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Oct 5: Faith Formation, 6-7pm for grades 2-6
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8pm for gr 7-12
- Oct 6: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 9: KC Breakfast
- Oct 11: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 12: Faith Formation, 6-7pm for grades 2-6
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8pm for gr 7-12
- Oct 13: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 18: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 19: Faith Formation, 6-7pm for grades 2-6
Youth Ministry: 6:15-8pm for gr 7-12
- Oct 20: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 23: Parish Life Social Gathering after Mass
- Oct 25: Scripture Study, 8:30am, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 27: Scripture Study, 6:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 30: **Youth Mass, Trick your Trunk**

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