

ST. MARY PARISH

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September 05, 2024 ~ Rectory: 563-252-1247 ~ Fr.'s Cell: 563-880-6017 ~ www.maryicjoseph.org

LIVE THE LITURGY: 'Clear our Ears'

Even without a hearing impairment, hearing someone speaking to us in the midst of a noisy crowd can be a challenge. In this week's gospel people bring to Jesus a man with hearing and speech impediments and beg him to lay his hand on him. The man's ears are open to hear God's word and his tongue is set free to proclaim it to others. We do well to pray for shattering of our own deafness and release from whatever closes us off from the experience of God's mercy. It is important to start each day asking the Lord to clear our ears. He wants us to really listen to the people in our lives.

Welcome Fr. Paul!!

Parish Life will be hosting coffee, juice & donuts, this Sunday, Sept 8 after Mass in Brinkmann Hall. All are welcome to meet & greet Fr. Paul.



Fellowship

Faith Formation:

Registration for 1st – 12th grades is underway, [click here](#). This year we have added a class for 1st graders! Classes begin Wednesday, Sept 18.

1st-8th: 6-7:15pm
9th-12th: 6-7:45pm

We need teachers for 5th & 8th grades and helpers for 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th. Please call Erin at 563-880-7471 for more info.

Youth Ministry:

Do you have a desire to serve youth? I am looking for volunteers to cook a simple meal for our High School Youth Ministry nights held on Wednesday evenings. If interested, please contact Katey Simon at youthministry@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us or call (563) 219-4129

Currently **accepting nominations** for two Parish Council and two Finance Committee members. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our parish, please submit your request by calling the parish office(563-252-1247) or dropping a note in the collection basket. Elections will be held October 20.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: "The Acts of the Apostles" will start on Tuesday, Sept 24, 8:30-10:30 AM and the same session will be repeated weekly on Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sept 26 at the Parish Center. There will be 7 sessions this fall, 7 sessions starting February 4 & 6, 2025, and final 6 sessions starting September 23 & 25, 2025. Cost is \$30.00 for the study book. Jerry Balk, 563-580-4539, facilitates the Tuesday session and Deacon Jim Pfaffly, 563-880-9696, the Thursday session.

The Knights of Columbus have selected Jerry Balk as September's Knight of the Month. **Thank you Jerry** for everything you do for St. Mary Parish and the additional responsibilities you took on while we waited for a priest and during the transition!

If you or someone you know would benefit from having a caring, confidential, non judgmental someone to talk with, please reach out. Stephen Ministers are here to listen to help lessen the burdens we carry through the difficult times of life. Call Becky Shaffer, 319-393-1234.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for the KC Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit Imagine the Possibilities for Special Olympics. Next weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the food pantry.

Mass Schedule: Sept 9 – Sept 15, 2024

Mon. Sept 9: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Sept 10: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Sept 11: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Sherrie Casey

Thur., Sept 12: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Joyce Kinest

Fri., Sept 13: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Sept 14: Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Don & Janice Rohner

Sun., Sept 15: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus Heals the Deaf Man

source: young-catholics.com

In the Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech issue. Despite Jesus' instructions to keep the miracle quiet, the news spreads widely. This story shows Jesus' compassion and power to heal. We all suffer from spiritual deafness at times. Sometimes we don't want to hear God's voice or the opinions of others. Jesus can heal us, just as He healed the deaf man, if we take time to listen. To overcome our spiritual deafness, we need to spend more time in prayer. Listening to God, rather than just speaking, can open our hearts to His healing. Jesus will heal us if we humbly ask Him to do so.

The readings this weekend remind us of God's healing power, His justice, and our call to live out our faith. We are encouraged to trust in God's promises, treat everyone with equality, and seek healing from Jesus. Let us take these lessons to heart and apply them in our daily lives.

Prayer: Lord, open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your healing. Help us to treat everyone with the love and respect they deserve. Guide us to live out our faith in all that we do. Amen.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Begin by inviting family members to respond to the following open-ended statements:

1. With my ears I can . . .
2. With my voice I can . . .

Invite family members to share what they think it would be like to not be able to hear or speak. What sounds would they most miss hearing? What would they most miss doing with their voices? Together, offer spontaneous prayers of thanks to God for the gifts of hearing and speech, and pray for all who need healing of body, mind, or spirit.

We are in need of someone to wash the purificators and hand towels. This is a small but important job that would need to be done every 3 weeks or so. Contact Lisa at the parish office, 563-252-1247.

Fall Fundraiser Info

Raffle: Tickets \$100ea; chance to win one of four \$500 cash prizes

Silent Auction: Donations accepted September 22—Oct 2; Bidding Oct 6—20.

Chairs Steve and Sue Bahls are looking to train a couple of people to be chairs for next year. Would you consider this?

You're invited to the first-ever Archdiocesan Rural Life Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Zinkula, on Friday, Sept. 20th. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Johanningmeier and Deering Distant View Farm, 853 Hwy 76, Monona. Following mass, there will be a blessing for the Farm Animals and Equipment for a successful harvest, a Recognition program, and a free-will offering lunch provided by St. Patrick Parish-Waukon. This event will be held rain or shine. Seating is limited, so please bring your lawn chairs. For more info, visit Dbqarch.org/rural-life



Roof Replacement Project:

Since we have not received enough donations to cover the cost of the roof replacement, we have taken out a loan from the Archdiocese for \$190,000. Any roof fund donations will go toward paying off this loan.



Thank you to all our donors for your continued generosity in supporting St. Mary Parish! Donations may be placed in the collection basket or made online at www.maryicjoseph.org

A Stewardship Moment

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich and inheritors of God's kingdom.

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Sept 7/8: KC Tootsie Roll Drive for Special Olympics
- Sept 8: Coffee and Donuts after 10am Mass
- Sept 9: Liturgy Meeting, 9:30, PC
- Sept 14/15: Second Collection for Food Pantry
- Sept 18: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Faith Formation Classes, 6pm**
- Sept 22-Oct 2: Silent Auction Donations accepted
- Sept 23: Finance Committee Meeting, Noon, PC
- Parish Vitality Meeting, 6:30pm, PC
- Sept 24: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30am, PC
- Sept 25: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm
- Sept 26: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC
- Sept 30: Parish Council Mtg, 6:30pm, PC
- Oct 1: KC Meeting, 7:30pm

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday evening to OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com

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