

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's. ©LPi

“**SCRIPTURE STUDY**” resumes on September 28, 8:30 AM and September 30, 6:30 PM, starting with Session #10 of The Bible Timeline, “**The Story of Salvation.**” The Sessions will be 2 hours long in Brinkmann Hall and continue until November 16 by Jerry Balk, 252-2361.

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Current balance: **\$27215**, we met our goal!!! Thank you!

Congratulations to our \$500 winners:
Tim/Peggy McGuine, Ken/Julie White,
Jim/Maggie Schlueter, John/Lisa Finch

Silent Auction/Craft Fair

Brinkmann Hall — This is the last weekend. Open Sat/Sun after Mass on Online bidding available for silent auction at [facebook.com/maryicjoseph](https://www.facebook.com/maryicjoseph). Bidding ends at noon on the 19th!

Mk 9:30-37: The apostles misunderstand Jesus' words about his death and resurrection. They go back to an old argument about which one of them was most important. Jesus reminds them that if they want to be first, they must be the servant of everyone.

What are the qualities needed to be a disciple of Jesus? Could Jesus use you as an example for a disciple?

Public Mass Schedule: Sept 20 – Sept 26, 2021

Mon., Sept 20: [No Mass Scheduled], FULL MOON

Tues., Sept 21: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Vincent & Inez Hoeger//Amy Hoeger

Wed., Sept 22: 8:30 A.M.–St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass Gr. 2
[Fall Season Begins] – *Jim/Jean/Serenus Junk*

Thur., Sept 23: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Harold Mueller & Owen Kann

Fri., Sept 24: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Sept 25: Vigil of Twenty-Six Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Lee Smith & Loren Mohning
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
People of Parish

Sun., Sept 26: Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Veryl Voss & Merl Meyer

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Loving Those in Need

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” [Mark 9:36-37](#)

What is it about the image of a child that helps Jesus illustrate an important point? The answer to this question must be understood as a contrast between one who is like a child and one who holds a worldly view of greatness.

A child is one who is poor, dependent, humble and in need. A child cannot take care of his/her own needs. Rather, a child needs the care of parents. So it is with us in our relationship with God.

We are not considered great by being independent, powerful, well respected, successful, etc. This is a worldly view of greatness. The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or the like; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon Christ. Additionally, it is found in seeking out those who are in need (as a child is in need of care) and offering the love and care others need. It’s a call to compassion and concern for the poor and needy among us.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are ready and willing to reach out to those in need among you. Who are they? What is their need? Do you seek them out and offer love and support? Doing this is what will make you truly great in the eyes of God.

Lord, may I seek You in the poor, the brokenhearted, the sinner and all those in need. Please fill my heart with compassion and concern for others. Jesus, I trust in You. source: mycatholiclife.com

UPDATE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022

A letter will be sent home to our children’s parents via facebook on SMIC zoom site later in September. **Since we cannot get catechists to teach your children on Wednesday nights it will be a homeschooling situation** except for 2nd grade and 7th & 8th graders which will meet on Wednesday nights during Advent and Lent to prepare them for First Confession/Communion and Confirmation for respective grades. **We do have a volunteer to teach 2nd graders on those Wednesday nights in Advent and Lent!** Fr. Bries will prepare 7th/8th graders for Confirmation.

Also 7th/8th graders need to attend Youth Ministry sessions apart from Confirmation on Wed, May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church in Guttenberg. Keep in mind that a Confirmation sponsor cannot be a parent but a practicing Catholic and confirmed adult. Parents of other grades will pick up quarterly packet for their child/children some time in later September. More information to following in later church bulletins and the Guttenberg Press newspaper.

Cultivate PEACE. The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Giving glory to God every single morning, getting to know Jesus, and cooperating with the work of the Holy Spirit all cultivate peace. Speaking and listening to God in prayer, immersing yourself in Scripture regularly, participating in community within the Body of Christ, telling others about how God works in your life: all of these are ways to cultivate peace and good fruit in your life when you are intentionally living your faith, placing Christ at the center, instead of after the “to do” list. Add a new habit this fall to CULTIVATE PEACE in your life.



A Stewardship Moment

Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, “Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.”

Upcoming Parish Events

- Sept 18/19: St. Mary Silent Auction & Craft Fair, Brinkmann Hall; Saturday/Sunday after Mass
- Sept 19: Silent Auction bidding closes at Noon
- Sept 22: Youth Ministry, 6:15-8:00pm
- Oct 5: CDA Mtg; Noon, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct. 5: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct. 9: St. Joseph Parish Hog Roast, 5-7pm

Youth Ministry will kickoff on Wednesday, September 22nd, with a kickball game and pizza! All 7th-12th graders are invited. We will meet from 6:15-8:00 at Vets Field in Guttenberg (behind Casey's).