

ST. MARY PARISH

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September 19, 2024 ~ Rectory: 563-252-1247 ~ Fr.'s Cell: 563-880-6017 ~ www.maryicjoseph.org

LIVE THE LITURGY:

How often do we find ourselves hoping to be thanked for doing a good deed or recognized for an accomplishment? Jesus reminds the disciples that placing a desire for recognition over the desire to serve breeds jealousy and selfishness. Our good deeds and accomplishments must always point to God. Like the disciples arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, we focus on the best outcome for ourselves and disrespect the Lord and our neighbors. When we stop jockeying for position and focus on genuinely loving and serving all, we move closer to being the people Jesus desires to have with him in heaven. God is calling us out of any selfish regard for ourselves and into a selfless love for others. Today, ask for the eyes to see other people the way God, the Father, sees them - as another Christ.

Wanted: Silent Auction Chair-People-In-Training. Chairs Steve and Sue Bahls are looking to train a couple of people to be chairs for next year. Would you consider serving our parish in this capacity? Please call Sue/Steve at 563-252-3253.

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.

Friends of St. Mary's will be serving their famous **German meal** of brats, sauerkraut & german potato salad at the Guttenberg Germanfest on Friday, Sept. 20 and Saturday, Sept. 21. See you there!

Fall Fundraiser Info

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

Faith Formation kicked off this past Wednesday evening. If you have not yet registered, please contact Erin at 563-880-7471.

Beginning in October, Fr. Paul will be resuming the Tuesday 8:30am Masses at St. Joseph's in Garnavillo.

NEW: Fr. Paul will also be saying Mass Friday mornings at 8:30am at St. Mary, Guttenberg.

Plans are being made to have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Watch the bulletin 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

At any given time, there are many in our parish and community who are going through tough situations and who would benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister, trained in confidentiality. God can work through our Stephen Ministers who will give support and encouragement to people like you who are struggling with life issues. It can be difficult for both men and women to take the first step of making the call, so please know you aren't alone. Reach out to Becky Shaffer at 319-393-1234 or beckyts388@gmail.com.



Mass Schedule: Sept 23 – Sept 29, 2024

Mon. Sept 23: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Sept 24: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., Sept 25: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Gary & Floyd Westhoff

Thur., Sept 26: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
Travis Rohner

Fri., Sept 27: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Sept 28: Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Cole Wille(Month's Mind)
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Gene & Mary Tujetsch

Sun., Sept 29: Twenty-Sixth 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*
Mary Gamerdinger(Month's Mind)

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

source: young-catholics.com

The Litany of Humility is a prayer that invites us to follow Jesus more closely by letting go of our selfish desires and fears. It helps us focus on what truly matters—becoming more like Jesus in our everyday lives. This prayer is not just words; it is a call to change our hearts and to love others more than ourselves.

When we pray the Litany of Humility, we ask Jesus to help us overcome the desire for personal praise and the fear of being overlooked. Each line of the prayer is a step toward greater freedom. This freedom comes from trusting God's plan for us, rather than worrying about our status or what others think of us.

This prayer also teaches us about true humility. Humility is not thinking less of ourselves; it is thinking of ourselves less. By focusing on others' needs and God's will, we can live more generously and compassionately. The prayer encourages us not to compete with others, but to hope for their success even more than our own.

Litany of Humility

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear me.

Response is: deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being esteemed, ...

From the desire of being loved, ...

From the desire of being extolled, ...

From the desire of being honored, ...

From the desire of being praised, ...

From the desire of being preferred to others, ...

From the desire of being consulted, ...

From the desire of being approved, ...

From the fear of being humiliated, ...

From the fear of being despised, ...

From the fear of suffering rebukes, ...

From the fear of being calumniated, ...

From the fear of being forgotten, ...

From the fear of being ridiculed, ...

From the fear of being wronged, ...

From the fear of being suspected, ...

Response is: Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be loved more than I, ...

That others may be esteemed more than I, ...

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, ...

That others may be chosen and I set aside, ...

That others may be praised and I go unnoticed, ...

That others may be preferred to me in everything, ...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, ...

Save The Date . . .

What: Roast Beef Dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, dessert, coffee or milk. Cost: \$14; under 5 are free

When: Sunday, October 20, 11am-2pm

Where: Brinkmann Hall

Why: Along with the silent auction and raffle, proceeds will go toward the needs of the parish.

Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner. Please call Nancy Nuehring @ 563-880-0280

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

When Jesus speaks of receiving a child in his name, he is speaking of receiving those whom society sees as unimportant, those with no legal rights, and those with no identity. He is speaking of receiving the powerless and the vulnerable. Today, think about what you can do and are doing to help your children develop compassionate hearts for the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need. They learn best by watching and following your example. How are you showing them the way to love? ~<http://www.rclblectionary.com>

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 . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Sept 22-Oct 2: Silent Auction Donations accepted

Sept 23: Liturgy Committee Meeting, 9:30, PC
Finance Committee Meeting, Noon, PC
Parish Vitality Meeting, 6:30pm, PC
Friends of St. Mary, 6:30pm, Convent; **all are welcome to attend**

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: Scripture Study, 8:30-10:30am, PC
KC Meeting, 7:30pm

Oct 3: Scripture Study, 6:30-8:30pm, PC

Oct 6: Coffee and Donuts after Mass, BH

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

Priest: Fr. Paul Kwaku Ameyaw, 563-880-6017

Deacon: James Pfaffly, 563-880-9696

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Friends of St Mary: Jane Parker, 563-880-5469

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