

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY:

~ St. Mary's Liturgy Committee

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us very clearly that when we act in the name of the Lord, we are His followers. We cannot be a follower and a detractor of Christ at the same time. We must put aside those things that separate us from God and lead us astray, so that we may more fully follow him. We cannot drift along with the currents of everyday life, of culture or society, carried by habit. We can forget that the call to follow Jesus involves constant attention, discernment and sometimes very hard choices. Take time this day to examine your life, discover that which pulls you away from Christ and ask to be freed so you may live more fully with Him. You have not missed your chance to receive God's blessings. You're never beyond His reach and it's never too late!

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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:beckyts388@gmail.com).



### Fall Fundraiser Info

#### **Silent Auction:**

- \*Donations accepted Sept 22—Oct 2;
- \*Bidding Oct 6—20

#### **Raffle:**

- \*Tickets \$100; four \$500 cash prizes
- \*Tickets must be purchased by Oct 13
- \*Drawing Oct. 20

### Mass Schedule: Sept 30 – Oct 6, 2024

**Mon. Sept 30:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Oct 1:** 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Gerald Hoeger*

**Wed., Oct 2:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Robert 'Bob' Waterhouse*

**Thur., Oct 3:** 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center  
*Tom Kuempel*

**Fri., Oct 4:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Donna Balk & Julie Schlueter*

**Sat., Oct 5:** Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Time  
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*People of the Parish*  
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Dec. of the Kann Family & Jerry Kolker*

**Sun., Oct 6:** Twenty-Seventh 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*  
*Carol Schlueter Family*

### Sound System Update

- \* Fr. Paul has a new headset microphone
- \* Hearing Assist Devices: These devices provide a clearer audio signal from the sound system that is free from acoustic interference—similar to listening to Mass on Facebook. We are trying out this system over the next 30 days and would like as many people as possible to use these devices and provide feedback. We have 4 units available which consist of a small receiving box that you would put in your pocket/clip to your belt and a headphone or hearing loop. If you have a hearing aide, your hearing aide will need to have **T-Coil** enabled and you would use the hearing loop. If we decide to purchase this system, individuals may purchase their own device which costs between \$250 and \$300. Users can also bring their own headphones or earbuds.

Jim Schlueter will be available Saturday night to assist parishioners in using the devices and Lisa Kies will be available Sunday morning.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION:

## Inclusive Ministry

source: young-catholics.com

In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasizes that good works done in His name are valuable.

This lesson shows us the importance of being inclusive in our ministry. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus values all efforts done in His name.

By recognizing and supporting the good works of others, we build a stronger community. We are all working towards the same goal. This spirit of inclusiveness strengthens our faith and unity.

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to see God's spirit in unexpected places, use our wealth justly, and recognize the good works of others. These teachings help us to be humble, generous, and inclusive. By embracing these lessons, we grow in our faith and love for one another.

**Prayer:**  
Lord, help us to be open to Your spirit in all people. Teach us to use our wealth wisely and to be generous. May we always recognize and support the good works done in Your

### KC Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

**Sunday, Oct 13, 8-11:30am**

St. Mary Church  
Drive-thru and Dine In  
Free will donation.

From the Choir Director . . .

We would like to grow and expand our musical offerings at our Masses. We are looking for people with an interest in singing, playing an instrument or directing.



Please contact Gina Dahlstrom-Osburn, 563-213-9021, Jerry Balk, 563-580-4539 or Wendy Shea, 563-419-2652.

### **Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family**

The second teaching in today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the temptations and sources of sin in our lives. Spend time in honest conversation with God, and pray for forgiveness and the strength to overcome temptations. Make time to experience God's healing love and grace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. ~<http://www.rclblectionary.com>

### **A Stewardship Moment**

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.



**PARISH LIFE** will be hosting coffee, juice and donuts next Sunday after Mass in Brinkmann Hall. Enjoy fellowship with our family of parishioners.

### **Upcoming Parish Events . . .**

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Sept 22-Oct 2: Silent Auction Donations accepted

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 2: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm

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

Oct 6: Coffee and Donuts after Mass, BH

Oct 13: KC Breakfast, 8:00-11:30am, BH

Last day to Purchase Raffle Tickets

Oct 19/20: Parish Council/Finance Elections

Oct 20: Roast Beef Dinner, 11-2

Silent Auction Ends

Raffle Drawing

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday evening to  
[OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com](mailto:OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com)

### **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

Priest: Fr. Paul Kwaku Ameyaw, 563-880-6017  
Deacon: James Pfaffly, 563-880-9696  
Faith Formation: Erin Schmelzer, 563-880-7471  
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Stewardship/Liturgy: Sue Bahls, 563-252-3253  
Social Justice: Gerald Bormann, 563-419-6967  
Choir: Gina Dahlstrom-Osburn, 563-213-9021  
Secretary: Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946

**Finance:**  
Jim Schlueter  
563-252-1490  
Steve Bahls  
Marv Althoff  
Jeff Burr  
Al Schlueter  
Tom Augustyn

Stephen Ministry: Becky Shaffer, 319-393-1234

**Parish Council:**  
Don Scherbring  
563-252-1556  
Gerald Bormann  
Lois Bries  
Sue Bahls  
Adam Scherbring

Parish Center: Lora Kolker, 563-880-9111  
Parish Center Reservations: 563-252-1577  
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