

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

“What God has joined together.” We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God’s power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed. ©LPi

### Fall Festival:

There will be a **Festival meeting** after the **10 am Mass on Oct. 17**. All chair people need to attend. All parishioners are welcome as well. The meeting is to discuss the future of the festival. If you cannot attend, please submit your ideas/ suggestions on paper or call Don Scherbring 563-252-1556(land line).

### October is “Respect for Life” month.

Baby items will be collected during the month in all three parishes.

**Festival Fundraiser: \$29,405**

**Silent Auction Total: \$7928**

**Thank you!!**

### HOG ROAST

St Joseph’s Church, Garnavillo

**Saturday, October 9th**

**5:00-7:00pm**

Dine in or Carry Out

BBQ Pork Sandwiches, German Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Desserts

Adults \$10, under 12 \$5, preschool free

**KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

**Drive-thru Style** 

Limited indoor seating also available

St. Mary Church Parking Lot

**Sunday, October 10**

8:30am—11:30am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Cinnamon Rolls

Free will donation.

Proceeds to the handicap ramp project.

### Public Mass Schedule: Oct. 4 – Oct 10, 2021

**Mon., Oct 4:** [No Mass Scheduled], St. Francis of Assisi

**Tues., Oct 5:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass  
*Barb Mohning (CDA) & Marion Moses*

**Wed., Oct 6:** 8:30 AM–St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, Gr. 5/6  
*Dec’d of Nuehring Family & Richard Goerd*

**Thur., Oct 7:** 10:00 A.M. - Guttenberg Care Center  
“Our Lady of the Rosary” –  
*Jackie Spielbauer Family & Dorothy Eglseder (CDA)*

**Fri., Oct 8:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Oct 9:** Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Time  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass  
*Loren Mohning & Anna Mohning*  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass

**Sun., Oct 10:** Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*  
St. Mary classes of 1976 & 1977  
Guttenberg High School classes of 1980 & 1981

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Celestial Hosts of Heaven**

“Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” [John 1:51](#)

In Heaven, we will see all things as God sees them. That full perspective will be beyond glorious. And among the many things that will amaze us from the perspective of Heaven is the incredibly powerful ways that the celestial beings participate in the bringing forth of the Kingdom of God. The Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and Guardian Angels all cooperate with God’s grace in ways similar to how every member of an orchestra works together to produce a single piece of beautiful music. God is the conductor, but these celestial beings participate in the grand fulfillment of the will of God, acting as living instruments of His divine grace.

Wednesday’s feast honored three of the great archangels mentioned in Scripture: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The Archangel Michael is described as a protector in the Old Testament Book of Daniel and as one who does battle with satan in the Books of Revelation and Jude. In Revelation, Michael casts satan out of Heaven along with the other fallen angels. The Archangel Gabriel is spoken of also in the Book of Daniel as one who interprets Daniel’s vision. In the New Testament, he is identified as the one who appears to the high priest Zechariah while Zechariah is offering sacrifice in the temple. In that appearance, Gabriel revealed to Zechariah that his wife would have a child, even though she was advanced in years. Gabriel is perhaps best known as the one sent to the Blessed Virgin Mary to reveal to her that she will become the mother of the Savior of the World. Lastly, the Archangel Raphael is referred to in the Old Testament Book of Tobit and is said to have been sent to bring healing to Tobit’s eyes.

As we honor these three archangels, we can be certain that they are three of a countless number of other angelic beings who cooperate with God, bringing forth His grace and His will into our world. Try to imagine that profound truth. Some angelic beings build up the Kingdom of God by devoting their existence to the perpetual worship of God before His throne. The highest of these are the Seraphim. Other angelic beings build up the Kingdom by bringing forth God’s grace and truth to us, intervening in our lives in accord with God’s will. These are especially the guardian angels. The archangels, three of whom we honored Wednesday, especially have the task of communicating to us the most important messages and graces from God.

Reflect, today, upon the glorious reality of the whole host of the celestial beings. Specifically call upon the mediation of these three celestial beings whose names we know, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, as well as upon the mediation of our guardian angels and all others celestial beings. By doing this, we not only entrust ourselves to their loving care, but we also make an act of faith in God by expressing our belief that God has chosen to use these celestial beings to bring forth His Kingdom. By themselves, angels are powerless to act. But since they act only in unison with the will of God, their mediation is as powerful as the grace of God, since it is God Who works through them. Acknowledge them today, call upon their mediation and profess your faith in the glorious work that they do to build up God’s Kingdom.

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**Breaking the Stewardship Mold:** Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**A Stewardship Moment**

The phrase in today’s psalm, “May you see your children’s children, “ is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.”

**Upcoming Parish Events . . . .**

- Sept 30: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 2/3: Food Shelf Weekend
- Oct 5: Scripture Study; 8:30 AM Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 5: CDA Mtg; Noon, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 5: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 7: Scripture Study, 6:30 PM Brinkmann Hall
- Oct 9: St. Joseph Parish Hog Roast, 5-7pm
- Oct 10: KC Breakfast, 8:30-11:30am
- Oct 17: Fall Festival Meeting, after 10am Mass in Brinkmann Hall