

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week:

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©LPi

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Purchase tickets(\$100ea) for a chance to win one of four \$500 prizes or make donations:

*online at <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

* put money in an envelope in the weekend collection marked **Festival-Tickets or Festival—Donation**, or *send money to St Mary Church, PO Box 847; Guttenberg, IA 52052

(make checks out to St. Mary Fall Festival and mark Tickets or Donation)

Current balance: **\$25,365**; goal is \$26,000; Almost there!!! Thank you!

Silent Auction/Craft Fair

Brinkmann Hall — Open Sat/Sun after Mass on Sept 4/5; 11/12 and 18/19. Also online bidding available for silent auction at facebook.com/maryicjoseph

What does it mean to me to be a person of faith? Is it enough to just say, "I believe!"? How is my faith lived out in action in my daily life? What is my reaction to the Lord Jesus' challenge to pick up my cross and carry it as I follow Him? How often am I willing to get down and get dirty in order to help someone who is stuck in the mire and muck of his/her life? What does it mean for me to hold firm to the hand of the Lord Jesus as I reach out to assist others?

Public Mass Schedule: Sept 13 – Sept 19, 2021

Mon., Sept 13: [No Mass Scheduled], "St. John Chrysostom"

Tues., Sept 14: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
"Exaltation of the Cross" – *Pat Niehaus & Amy Hoeger*

Wed., Sept 15: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, 3th Grade
"Our Lady of Sorrows" - *Robert Hartmann*

Thur., Sept 16: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
"Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian" – *Jackie Spielbauer & Family*

Fri., Sept 17: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Sept. 18: 2:00 P.M. St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Wedding Ceremony
Austin Zuecher & Jessica Cline



Sat., Sept 18: Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Time
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, Mass
Eileen Walz & Sharon Berns
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass
Bill & Kay Vogt

Sun., Sept 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Fred Bush & Don Evers

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Suffering from the Divine Perspective

Jesus began to teach the Apostles that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." [Mark 8:31-33](#)

This was most likely not the reply that Peter was expecting from Jesus. Peter was struggling with fear as Jesus explained that He would be entering into much suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders of the time. Peter loved Jesus and was fearful and anxious about the thought of his Master suffering and being killed. So Peter, motivated by fear and confusion, tried to "talk some sense" into Jesus.

The result? Peter was rebuked in the presence of the other Apostles by Jesus. Jesus went so far as to say, "Get behind me, Satan." That must have hurt.

To understand this properly, we must start with the obvious conclusion that Jesus' words were words of great love. Jesus is not capable of anything other than love. Therefore, we must seek to understand how these strong words from Jesus were loving and holy.

The key to understanding this is the second thing Jesus said. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus had just revealed to the Apostles the deepest mystery of His life's mission. Namely, He just revealed that His mission was to accept unjust persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders. But in revealing this, it is also clear that He intended to bring good out of this suffering. He would not have allowed this suffering if it were not for some greater good. The hard part is that, in order to understand this great mystery of suffering, one needs a deep faith. The Apostles were being challenged to see this situation from the divine perspective. Peter was having a hard time doing so, and that is why Jesus had to challenge him so directly.

Jesus' rebuke was a rebuke of love, helping Peter break free of his fear and limited vision so as to enter into this profound mystery of Jesus' loving sacrifice.

Reflect, today, upon your own struggle with the Cross of Christ. His sufferings continue to be made present in our world through the love and sacrifices of His sons and daughters. When Christians suffer on account of their faith, we must see this from the eyes of God, not the eyes of men. We must see the divine blessings that accompany such sufferings and we must accept them in accord with the great mystery of God's plan.

Lord, I too lack the necessary faith to see the blessings that accompany Your Cross, as well as the many crosses I am given in life. Help me to be purified in my faith so that I can see Your hand at work in all things, even suffering, injustice and persecution. May I see life from Your perspective alone. Jesus, I trust in You. source: mycatholiclife.com

Fun Facts for Catholic Kids of ALL Ages: Who do people say that I am? Today we hear Jesus asking his followers a difficult question, "Who do you say I am?" People were uncertain about who Jesus was. Some people confused him with John the Baptist, some people heard him preaching and thought that he was a prophet. To others, he was simply the son of Joseph and Mary. Jesus appeared differently to different people.

Simon Peter recognized who Jesus really was, and said, "You are Christ, the son of God." The apostles had grown to know and love Jesus. On several occasions they had seen Jesus perform miracles which were only possible through the power of God.

If Jesus asked US the same question today, what would we say? We know that Jesus is the son of God and savior of the world. His love for us is unending, and he is our best friend. We are called to follow him like Simon Peter. Jesus warns us that this will not always be easy. Just as Jesus carried the cross before his death and resurrection, we will all have our own crosses or difficulties to bear in life.

<p>"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." — Theodore Roosevelt</p>	<p>Upcoming Parish Events Sept 11/12: St. Mary Silent Auction & Craft Fair, Brinkmann Hall; Saturday/Sunday after Mass Sept 12: Festival Drawing after 10:00 am Mass 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: KC Meeting, 7:30pm, Brinkmann Hall</p>
<p>A Stewardship Moment In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."</p>	<p>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).</p>