

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## **LIVE THE LITURGY: Jesus meets us on our Emmaus Road**

source: [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)

The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and family relationships. These hopes and dreams often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect our risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.

In the Gospel story for today, we learn that we find Christ is in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. When we approach the altar to receive the Sacrament, we see and receive Christ. The Eucharist is true "soul food," the Bread of life for eternity. It feeds us and fulfills our spiritual needs. It is a pity that often we don't realize what is happening during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the sacred banquet of all believers. In this meal, we are in communion, not only with Jesus, but also with our family and friends who have preceded us in death. The Eucharist is not simply Bread and Wine for today – it is a banquet for all eternity.

**From the desk of the Pastor: . . . . .**  
I will be retiring July 9, 2024 and the Archbishop has assigned Rev. Paul Kwaku Ameyaw, on loan from the Diocese of Techiman, Ghana, as pastor of our three linked parishes.




## **BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:**

Sat., April 20, 2024 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo, during Mass  
**Sloane Clara Clefisch**  
daughter of Luke & Amanda (Mueller) Clefisch  
May you grow in the love & wisdom of Jesus Christ!

## **KC Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 14, 8-11:30am**

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

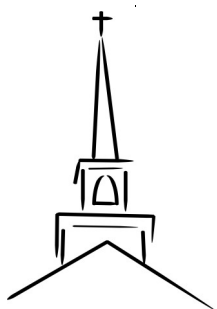
There will be a second collection this weekend by the Catholic Daughters of America for victims of domestic abuse.

**PARISH LIFE** will be hosting coffee, juice and donuts next Sunday, April 21 after Mass in Brinkmann Hall. All are welcome!



Fellowship

## **Roof Replacement Project**



\$425,646



Paid out of parish funds:  
\$159,203

Donations:  
\$53,620

## **Mass Schedule: Apr 15 – Apr 21, 2024**

**Mon., Apr 15:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Apr 16:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Glenn Berns & L'Dean Berns*

**Wed., Apr 17:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Roger Bries*

**Thur., Apr 18:** 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center  
*Leon Berns & Pete Davis*

**Fri., Apr 19:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Apr 20:** Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter  
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo  
*Loren & Barbara Mohning*  
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg  
*Mary Jane Steger & Gerald Hoeger*

**Sun., Apr 21:** Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista  
*People of the Parish*  
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*  
*Lynne Finnegan & Fran Troester*

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Living in the Light of the Resurrection

source: young-catholics.com

The readings for this Sunday also challenge us to live as witnesses to the Resurrection, embodying the hope and renewal it signifies. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a historical event; it is a reality that has the power to transform our lives today. By rising from the dead, Jesus has conquered sin and death, opening the way for us to live in newness of life.

In the first reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, John reminds us that Jesus is our advocate with the Father, the one who atones for our sins. This reassurance is not limited to us but extends to the whole world. It is a call to live our lives in a way that reflects the truth of the Resurrection, obeying God's commands and walking in the light of His love. True knowledge of Jesus comes through living in accordance with His teachings, embracing His call to love God and our neighbors.

As witnesses to the Resurrection, we are called to share the message of forgiveness and hope with the world. Jesus' instruction to His disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations is also a mandate for us. In a world marked by division and despair, the message of the Resurrection is a beacon of hope. It is a reminder that love is stronger than death, and that God's mercy can transform even the darkest situations.

### **St. Mary Immaculate Conception School Celebration**

Anyone who has ever attended St. Mary's school is invited!

Saturday, June 8, 2024, Brinkmann Hall  
Mass @ 5:30pm; Social Hour begins at 6:15pm  
Dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$20; payable at the door



Special Acknowledgement to the high school classes of: 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 8th grade classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019

Reservations Due by **Friday, May 31, 2024** to  
Austin Greve, 563-880-3899, [agreve@alpinecom.net](mailto:agreve@alpinecom.net) ;  
Pat Kolker, 563-880-9815 or Phoebe Johnson, 563-880-4767

### **WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?**

People trained to listen and support men and women facing a life change - grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles. With compassionate hearts for those who are hurting, they're trained and equipped with 50 hours of caring ministry skills by Stephen Leaders. Typically they have one care receiver at a time and meet once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer *confidential* and non-judgmental support.

Becky Shaffer, 319-393-1234

### **COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

“Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God”

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 2024, 8am - Noon

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, May 1st**

COST:\$10 – payable WITH the Registration form, checks payable to Community VBS.

**Registration forms available at the back of church.**

### **A Stewardship Moment**

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

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

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Apr 13/14: 2nd Collection by CDA for victims of domestic abuse
- Apr 14: KC Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast, 8-11:30  
Rite of Enrollment for Confirmandi during Mass
- Apr 17: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm
- Apr 21: Fellowship Sunday, Coffee and Donuts, BH
- Apr 22: Parish Council & Finance Meeting; 6:30pm
- May 1: Faith Formation Classes, 6pm  
Confirmation & May Crowning Mass, 6:30pm
- May 5: Stephen Ministry Commissioning during Mass
- May 7: CDA Mtg @ Noon, BH  
KC Mtg, 7:30pm
- Jun 8 : St. Mary Alumni Banquet, BH
- Jun 10-14: Vacation Bible School @ St. John's

Please email items for the bulletin by 7:30am Wednesday morning to [OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com](mailto:OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com)

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