

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Living Our Faith

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As we meditate on the readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we see the importance of living our faith. Our actions matter and are seen by God. We might not always see the results, but we trust that God is working through us.

Let us be encouraged by the promise in Ezekiel, the call to live by faith in Corinthians, and the parable of the mustard seed in the Gospel. God is with us in our small efforts and will use them to build His kingdom. We do not need to worry about being great in the eyes of the world. Instead, we focus on being faithful and humble servants of God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to trust in Your plan and be faithful in our small efforts. Give us the courage to live by faith and to act with humility. Use our lives to build Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES:

Saturday, June 22, 2024 at
St. Mary, Guttenberg, after Mass
Cooper Floyd Crow
infant son of Don & Kelsey (Greve) Crow

Sunday, June 23, 2024 at
St. Mary, Guttenberg, after Mass
Charlie Joan Aulwes, (age 4)
Lennon Jean Aulwes (18 months)
daughters of Matt Aulwes & Lexi Pierce
May you grow in the love & wisdom of
Jesus Christ!

Fr. Bries' Retirement Gathering will be held June 30th after the 10am Mass in Brinkmann Hall. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please mark your calendars to stop by and wish Father well in his retirement!

From the desk of the Pastor

My final gift to you is General Absolution of your SINS. This will be given at all Masses in our 3-linked parishes on July 6 & 7, 2024!!!

Mass Schedule: June 17 – June 30, 2024

Mon. Jun 17: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jun 18: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Jannan Bauer & Joe Wille

Wed., Jun 19: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Ann Olinger & Kathleen Bockenstedt

Thur., Jun 20: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
People of the Parish

Fri., Jun 21: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 22: Vigil of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Fr. Koopmann's 60th Anniversary in the Priesthood of God
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg,
Vernon & Joyce Cherne

Sun., Jun 23: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
Janice Ulbrich

Mon. Jun 24: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jun 25: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger & Gerald Hoeger

Wed., Jun 26: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Owen Kann & Jerry Kolker

Thur., Jun 27: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center –
People of the Parish

Fri., Jun 28: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 29: Vigil of Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Rita Gerner (Month's Mind)
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
Robert 'Bob' Waterhouse (Month's Mind)

Sun., Jun 30: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Donna Balk & Julie Schlueter

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sunday, June 16, 2024: Trusting in God's Plan

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The readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B teach us to trust in God's plan, even if it starts small. We might feel insignificant or think our actions do not matter. But God can use our small efforts to create something wonderful. Just like the small shoot in Ezekiel and the mustard seed in the Gospel, our small acts of faith can have a big impact.

In our daily lives, we often face challenges and uncertainties. We might not see the results of our efforts right away. But these readings remind us to have faith and trust that God is working through us. Our job is to be faithful and do our best, leaving the rest to God.

St. Paul's message in 2 Corinthians also reminds us of the importance of our actions. We are called to live by faith and aim to please the Lord. Even if we do not see immediate results, we know that our efforts are important and will be judged by Christ.

Sunday, June 23, 2024: Finding Peace in Christ

When we face storms in our own lives, we can remember Jesus' power. Just as He calmed the sea for the disciples, He can bring peace to our troubled hearts. We only need to trust Him and have faith.

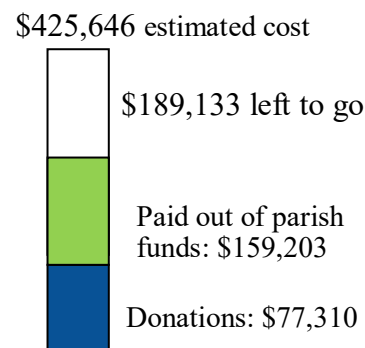
Paul's letter to the Corinthians tells us that Christ's love changes us. We no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. In Christ, we become new creations, leaving our old ways behind.

This new life in Christ is full of hope and promise. When we trust in His love, we can face any storm with courage. We know that He is with us, guiding and protecting us.

Roof Replacement Projects

Thank you to all our donors for your continued generosity in supporting St. Mary Parish! Donations may be placed in the collection basket or made online at www.maryicjoseph.org

Due to the wet and windy weather, the roofers plan to be here the first week of June and will be here for about a month. The remaining balance(\$212,823) will be due upon completion of the job.



Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

In the *parables*, or simple stories that Jesus told, he used everyday objects such as salt, light, coins, yeast, and even a father and his sons to teach moral lessons. Jesus wanted people to relate to the stories he told, and to understand his teachings about the ways in which children of God are called to live. Children of all ages love to hear good stories, especially those they can relate to because the situations, settings, characters, or objects are familiar to them. How long has it been since you've shared a good story with your children? What books are on your family bookshelf? Be mindful of making story and reading choices that reflect and reinforce the kingdom values that Jesus taught.

Place a small, empty bowl and a container of various kinds of seeds on your family prayer table or kitchen table. Remind your family that every person can plant seeds of goodness, kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, thankfulness, and love in the lives of family members, friends, and those in need in the world today. Share ideas about ways to do this. Invite family members to put one seed in the glass bowl for every seed of God's love they plant in the coming week. At the end of the week, reread the parable of the Mustard Seed and—if possible—plant your seeds and be surprised by what grows!

A Stewardship Moment

June 16, 2024: Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources, and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.

June 23, 2024: St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Jun 30: Fr. Bries' retirement gathering, after Mass, BH
- Jul 2: CDA Mass at 11:00; then lunch at Sodes
- Jul 3: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Jul 12/13: Parish Life working Bender's Food Stand
- Jul 17: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- Jul 27: Parish Life at Guttenberg Farmer's Market

Please email items for the bulletin by 7:30am Wednesday morning to OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com

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