

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY: *Walking with Jesus*

source: Maureen McCann Waldron, Creighton University

Today is Palm Sunday, the day we hear the passion of Jesus. But this day is about much more than simply reading or hearing the passion. This is the beginning of the time when we walk *with* Jesus in his sorrow, his fears and his suffering. So often when we come to Jesus, it's all about us.

Today, we accompany our friend and try to witness with him and support him in his last days and hours. This is the time we have compassion for Jesus. We may hesitate and feel unworthy. How can we have compassion for Jesus? We have compassion for the God who became man and suffered with us and for us. The root of the word compassion means to "suffer with." That is what Jesus has done for us by becoming human -- and that is what we do for Jesus this week.

Next Saturday night at the Easter Vigil, Mary Magdalene is told by the young man at the tomb, "Go and tell the disciples and Peter." Spread the word of Jesus and his love. Remain vulnerable to those who are in pain. Be a witness for Jesus in this world.

Most of all, we are invited to feel how deeply we are loved by Jesus – loved so much that he died for us.

Commissioning & recommissioning of new and current **Lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers** will take place this Sunday March 24, during the 10:00 am Mass. There will be a reserved section in the front pews to sit together as a group. Following Mass, refreshments will be served in Brinkman Hall honoring these individuals.

Please place your Rice Bowls at the base of the cross. These donations will help support our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger.

Mass Schedule: Mar 25 – Mar 31, 2024

Mon., Mar 25: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Mar 26: 2:00 P.M. Chrism Mass, St. Raphael Cathedral, DBQ

Wed., Mar 27: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Marjorie Hamann & Joanne Clark

Thur., Mar 28: Holy Thursday
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Harold & Lois Mueller & Gerald Hoeger
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Cyril & Ann Leliefeld//Fran Troester

Fri., Mar 29: Good Friday, Day of Fasting & Abstinence
3:00 P.M.— St. Mary, Guttenberg
Youth Ministry & Confirmation Youth Live Passion & Communion

Sat., Mar 30: Holy Saturday
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger & Angie Berns

Sun., Mar 31: Easter Sunday
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
Dec'd of Floyd Westhoff Family & Friends

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor, memory or celebration of your loved one(s), please bring to the church by noon on Friday, March 29. Monetary donations may also be given. Place your donation and info in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place in the collection basket.



Immaculate Conception Parish Spring Breakfast

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Serving 8AM to 12 Noon.

Scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, toast, cinnamon rolls, milk, juice, & coffee.

Adults- \$12, kids- \$6; 5 and under free
Easter Raffle drawing



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Turn to Prayer

source: www.young-catholics.org

As we contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus, we are struck by the paradox of his divinity and his willingness to endure such great pain and humiliation. It is true that Jesus could have easily avoided his suffering and death. He could have just quietly slipped away instead of staying to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. But he chose not to.

Instead, Jesus embraced his suffering and death as an act of complete obedience and trust in the Father. He turned to prayer, even in his darkest hour in the garden of Gethsemane, and entrusted all that he was into the loving care of his Father. He remained obedient, even when his closest friends betrayed him and abandoned him.

As followers of Jesus, we are also called to trust in God completely, even when we face suffering and death. We must believe that God loves us and will transform the deaths we experience into new life. We must also be willing to embrace our own crosses, just as Jesus did, and trust that God will use our suffering for his glory.

In the face of great trials and difficulties, we must turn to prayer and entrust ourselves to God's loving care. We must remain obedient to his will, even when it is difficult or painful. And we must remember that just as Jesus' suffering and death led to new life and resurrection, so too will our own sufferings be transformed into new life in Christ. May we be strengthened by the example of Jesus, and may we trust in his love and mercy always.

KC Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast

Sunday, April 14, 8-11:30am

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

**“Unless there is a Good Friday in your life,
there can be no Easter Sunday.”**

– Ven. Fulton Sheen

Support the Local Ministry of Catholic Charities

Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Since its founding in 1931, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque has continuously evolved to respond to the ever-changing needs of people in our communities. Through these changes, Catholic Charities remains a leader in providing direct social services to families right here in Northeast Iowa. Join our community of salt & light today at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>.

A Stewardship Moment

“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Mar 23: 2nd grade bread baking, 9am—noon, BH
Mar 24: Commissioning of new & current Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at Mass
Palm Sunday
Mar 31 Easter Sunday
Apr 2: CDA Mtg, Noon at Monona
Apr 7: First Communion Mass
Apr 13/14: 2nd Collection by CDA for victims of domestic abuse
Apr 14: KC Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast, 8-11:30;
Apr 21: Fellowship Sunday, Coffee and Donuts, BH
May 1: Confirmation
Jun 8: St. Mary Alumni Banquet, BH

Archbishop Zinkula will celebrate a Mass for Life-

Monday, April 8th. The Solemnity of the Annunciation is a perfect time to celebrate motherhood and the gift of life as we recognize Mary’s “yes.” Archbishop Zinkula will celebrate a Mass for Life on this important day at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. Mass begins at 6:30 pm, with a rosary preceding at 6 pm. You are invited to attend in person or virtually, with the mass will be live-streamed on the Archdiocesan website.. An Ice Cream Social sponsored by Dubuque County Right to Life will follow in the Cathedral Hall. Check the Archdiocesan website in the days to come for more details.

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

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