

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY: A Message of Hope

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This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by the effects of sin and death, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

So let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

### KC Pancakes and Sausage

#### Breakfast

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

St. Mary Church

Drive-thru and Dine In



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



Sunday, April 14, 2024 at St. Mary, Guttenberg, after Mass

**Faith Lee Wille**

daughter of Jeff & Samantha [Meyer] Wille

May you grow in the love & wisdom of Jesus Christ!

### **First Communion**

Please keep our communicants in your prayers.



**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**Immaculate Conception,  
N. Buena Vista, 8:30am**

Laurel Breitbach

Bryce Cook

Paxton Michael Wilwert

**St. Mary, Guttenberg, 10am**

Charli Grace Costigan

Aurora Elizabeth Hartson

Aiden Lee Hefel

Emmett Erwin Kremer

Lindi Mueller

Lillian Schmelzer

Jaymz A Susice

Morgan Carol Wille

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**St. Joseph, Garnavillo, 4:00pm**

Lydia Catherine Bly

Addison Lee Kuehl

Maeve Josephine Mueller

### **Mass Schedule: Apr 1 – Apr 7, 2024**

**Mon., Apr 1:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Tues., Apr 2:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo

*Mary Jane Steger & Janaan Bauer*

**Wed., Apr 3:** 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

*Ann Olinger & Katheen Bockenstedt*

**Thur., Apr 4:** 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center

*People of the Parish*

**Fri., Apr 5:** [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat., Apr 6:** Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo

*Angeline Berns & Amy Hoeger*

5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg

*Anthony Mueller*

**Sun., Apr 7:** Second Sunday of Easter & First Communion

8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

*Diane Lucas [Month's Mind]*

10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*

*Bernice Haas*

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.” [John 6:51](#)

"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." ~Colossians 3:3

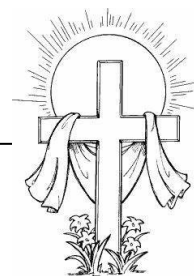
Saint Peter was told by God in a vision to visit Cornelius. Peter was hesitant, for Cornelius was a pagan and a Roman soldier. A Jew could not come in contact with an unclean individual, let alone an enemy of Israel. But God broke Peter out of this old way of thinking with a sign. Certain foods, people, objects and places were no longer profane. The period of fear and isolation was over. Life could be lived. The news given to Peter brought him great joy.

This is the context for our first reading from Acts of the Apostles this Easter Sunday, which is an excerpt from Peter's speech to Cornelius. Christ has set us free from burdens and impositions. We are able now to live in ease and peace and freedom.

When the two Marys traveled to the sealed tomb on Easter Sunday morning, they were worried about how they would enter the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with the spices, for the stone was so large. Their burdens were lifted when they arrive and see the stone rolled away.

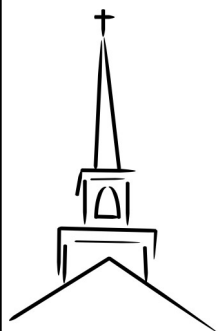
We need no longer be anxious about the heavy stones in our life. What's the worst that can happen? We die? Well, death no longer has power over us. It is our entry to Heaven.

*Jesus, you removed the obstacles from Peter and Mary Magdalene. Remove them from my life. Your resurrected body can pass through locked doors and be in two places at once. Breathe your freedom and lightness into me.*



May the light of the risen Christ fill your heart with hope, love and joy, and may you have a blessed Easter Season!

### **Roof Replacement Projects**



The roofs on the church and the old school will be replaced this summer at an estimated cost of **\$425,646**. The 50% down payment has been made. Donations are being accepted to fund this project. Please make checks out to St. Mary Parish and indicate Roof Project in the memo. Thank you!!

### **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.**

Needs: Donations of snacks/treats, as well as volunteers to help organize and run VBS(adults & youth). Call St. John's Church office (252-2355) if you can help out.

### **A Stewardship Moment**

**Alleluia!** Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

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

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

Mar 31 Easter Sunday

Apr 2: CDA Mtg, Noon at Monona  
KC Mtg, 7:30 pm

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

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

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