St. Mary Parish

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Ascension *source: young-catholics.com*

The Feast of the Ascension marks an important event in Christianity. It celebrates the day Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection. This feast reminds us that Jesus completed His mission on earth and returned to His Father in heaven. It is a key moment because it leads to the sending of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension encourages us to look forward to Jesus' promise to come again.

The Feast of the Ascension is a powerful reminder of Jesus' journey and His plans for us. It teaches us about trust, duty, and the promise of Jesus' return. It also reminds us to use our gifts to help others and spread the Gospel. Even though Jesus has ascended, He is still with us, guiding us through the Holy Spirit. We are to continue His work faithfully, looking forward to the day He returns.

KC Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast

honoring High School Graduates and Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12, 8-11:30am

St. Mary Church

Drive-thru and Dine In

Free will donation.

Construction Info

The KC's are in the process of replacing both sets of stairs on the south side of the church. Watch your 'step' in that area!

From the Director of Faith Formation:

As our Faith Formation year comes to an end and we start planning for the next year we want to provide everyone with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of communion. Please reach out if you have a student(s) that will be 2nd grade or older in the fall.

We would like to add 1st grade to the faith formation program with the hope of providing better support to students and families. Please contact me if you will have a 1st grader in the fall.

We are always looking for Faith Formation teachers and helpers. If you would like to be part of helping our youth in their faith journey please contact me.

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

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at St. Joseph, Garnavillo, during Mass

Ellen James Werges

Luke Glenn Werges

June Patricia Werges

Triplets of Timothy & Jamie (Patrick) Werges family

Saturday, May 25, 2024 at St. Joseph of Garnavillo, 2:30 p.m.

Abel Lee Pensel

son of Dustin Pensel & Jane Robinson

Cashton James Doubek

son of Christopher Doubek & Sydney Kuempel

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

Mass Schedule: May 13 – May 19, 2024

Mon., May 13: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., May 14: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger & Angi Berns

Wed., May 15: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Imogene [Bries] Feldmann

Thur., May 16: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
People of the Parish

Fri., May 17: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., May 18: Vigil of Feast of Pentecost
4:00 P.M. Mass-St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Joe Wille & John Ertl
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Albert & Marie Bieber

Sun., May 19: Feast of Pentecost
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg, ***live streamed***
Dec'd of Floyd Westhoff Family & Friends

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Following in Faith

source: young-catholics.com

The Gospel from Mark 16:15-20 tells us about Jesus' last instructions to His disciples. He told them to go out and share the Gospel everywhere. Jesus promised that those who believe and are baptized will be saved. He also said that signs would follow those who believe. These include casting out demons and healing the sick. After giving these instructions, Jesus ascended into heaven.

The disciples did as Jesus commanded. They went everywhere and preached. God worked with them, confirming their words through miraculous signs. This shows that even though Jesus ascended, He is still active in the world through His followers. It reminds us that we are called to continue Jesus' work. We should share the good news and live in a way that shows we are His followers.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

There is an old expression, "preaching to the choir." It is easy to preach to the choir because those in the choir already believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. The challenge for every disciple is to carry the Good News to all people—even to, and especially to, those who are not a part of the choir. Pope Francis suggested one small way to do this when he stated in *The Joy of the Gospel* that the greatest evangelizer is a joyful Christian. Take time to think about his words today. Are you a joyful Christian? Do people see the gift of joy evident in your life? Do they hear it in your words? Pray for an increase in the gift of joy that others—including those in your own family—may be drawn to Christ through you.

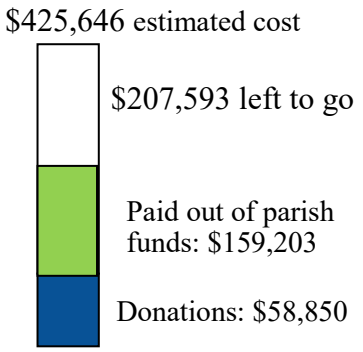
~http://www.rclblectionary.com

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!

Roof Replacement Projects

We are halfway there!!! 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 now 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.



A Stewardship Moment

Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me.

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

THANK YOU to Father Bries and St. Mary's for supporting the Ecumenical Commissioning service during Mass on Sunday and for the lovely reception celebrating 30 years of Stephen Ministry in Guttenberg.

Q&A...Why the name Stephen? In Acts 6, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since the time of the Apostles, caring ministry has been considered a hallmark of the Christian faith community.

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

May 12: **Baccalaureate Mass 10am**
May 15: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Jun 4: CDA Mtg in Monona; Installation Mass at 10am
KC Meeting, 7:30pm
Jun 5: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Jun 8 : St. Mary Alumni Banquet, BH
Jun 10: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Jun 10-14: Vacation Bible School @ St. John's
Jun 30: Fr. Bries' retirement gathering, after Mass, BH
Jul 3: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
Jul 17: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC

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

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