

# ST. MARY PARISH

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## LIVE THE LITURGY: Making Disciples of All Nations

source: *young-catholics.com*

The Gospel for Trinity Sunday takes us to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus meets His disciples after His resurrection. Even though some doubted, they all worshiped Him. Here, Jesus gives them a great mission: to make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them to follow His commands.

Jesus' command is a foundation for our mission as Christians. We are to share the good news with everyone, no matter where they are from. The task of baptizing and teaching is not just for the apostles but for all of us who follow Christ. Jesus also promises to be with us always, until the end of time. This assurance gives us the courage to carry out His commands.

We pray for the grace, as we prepare for this feast of the Trinity, to allow mysteries in our lives. We pray to let go of our demand for proof, insights, evidence, and logical conclusions which all would lead to certainty.

We pray by standing still and looking up at the universe and smilingly shake our heads, not in disbelief, but in surrender to what we will never know, can never know. We pray to enjoy our being so limited as not to be able to understand a Three-Person unity of divinity. We can pray with the feebleness of our words to express what is so central to our faith. ~Larry Gillick, S.J., Creighton Univ

***"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." Ps. 33***

### 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!



### Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer today our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

### "Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is available with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church even while you are on vacation! Goto: <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

### Mass Schedule: May 27 – June 2, 2024

#### Mon. May 27: Memorial Day

10:00 A.M. – Mass—St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, Garnavillo  
*Joe & Anita Schmelzer & Family*

Tues., May 28: [No Mass Scheduled]

Wed., May 29: – 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg

*Ann Olinger & Kathleen Bockenstedt*

Thur., May 30: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center

*People of the Parish*

Fri., May 31: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 1: Vigil of Corpus Christi

4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo

*Harold & Lois Mueller/David Rohner*

5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg

*Herman & Theresa Mueller*

Sun., Jun 2: Feast of Corpus Christi

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

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

*Betty Klein & Dec'd of the Class of 1956*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Joining God's Family

source: young-catholics.com

On Trinity Sunday, we think about the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This idea can seem hard to understand, but it really shows us how God is all about relationships. God is three Persons who share love and purpose. We are made to want friendship and love, just like God.

Being part of this relationship with God fills us with peace and happiness. It feels right because it meets our need for being close to others. This happiness is so strong that we want to share it with everyone.

Trinity Sunday reminds us that our faith is more than just following rules or doing church activities. It's about being part of God's family. Jesus tells us to bring more people into this family. As we learn more about the Trinity, we want to help others feel this joy too. We spread God's love by inviting more people to join us.

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!

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

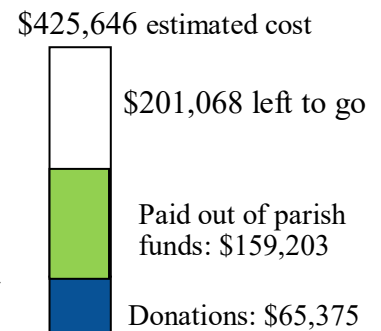
As parents, we are commissioned by the Church to be the first and most significant teachers of the faith for our children. We present our children to the Church for Baptism, we teach them the Commandments, and we share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ. We show them how to live as Christ's disciples in the world today. In this way the Church on Earth grows and is strengthened. Take time this week to think about how you are fulfilling your commission to be the first and foremost teacher of the faith for your child. What more can you do to fulfill your role?

~<http://www.rclblectionary.com>

### 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](http://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

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters – the heirs – of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord's command to "go...and make disciples of all the nations."

### Summertime Ideas for Your Family

Looking for something for your family to do this summer that also adds a sprinkling of faith to the mix? There are [101 things to do](#) with your kids this summer! Check out a [Summer Bucket List](#) for Catholic families from *CatholicMom.com*, or free [printable summertime activities](#) from *Sadlier.com*. If you are looking for a short family get-away, plan a tour of local churches and use these fun family [conversation starters](#) along the way!

### Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- 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 10-14: Vacation Bible School @ St. John's
- Jun 12: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC
- 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

### 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](mailto:agreve@alpinecom.net) ;  
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