

ST. MARY PARISH

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Newsletter: May 30, 2024 ~ Rectory: 563-252-1247 ~ Fr.'s Cell: 563-258-3958 ~ www.maryicjoseph.org

LIVE THE LITURGY: Covenant and Sacrifice

source: young-catholics.com

Corpus Christi readings begin with Moses and the people of Israel. Moses shares God's laws, which are serious promises between God and His people. The sprinkling of blood shows a deep commitment. This reminds us that following God requires a real promise from our hearts.

These readings call us to remember, much like the Israelites did with Passover. But for us, the Eucharist does more than just bring up past events; it makes these events real and present today. Jesus is truly with us in the Eucharist, not just as a memory but as a living presence. This is a powerful act of God's love, bringing the past and present together.

When the Israelites committed to God, they said, "All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do." This shows us that remembering isn't just about thinking back; it's about living out our promises. Just as Jesus offered Himself fully to the Father, we are called to offer ourselves to God's kingdom. This means our actions should reflect our faith. Participating in the Eucharist isn't passive—it's an active commitment to live according to God's will.

Pray to your Guardian Angel many times during the Day!

As a sign of His Loving Providence, God gave to each one of us a Guardian Angel to protect, guide and help us in our daily battles. Let us thank God for this and have a frequent recourse to our Guardian Angel by asking his/her help in our daily ordinary activities...when we travel, during temptations, when we want to find a parking space, etc...Guardian Angel, thank you for being with us always and for all the help and favors you have interceded on our behalf to God!

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.



Mass Schedule: June 3 – June 9, 2024

Mon. Jun 3: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Jun 4: 8:30 A.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Amy Hoeger & Gerald Hoeger

Wed., Jun 5: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Loris Kickbush & Rosemary Menke

Thur., Jun 6: 10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg Care Center
Leon Berns & Pete Davis

Fri., Jun 7: [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat., Jun 8: Vigil of Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M. Mass—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Bert Behrend & Glenn Berns
5:30 P.M. Mass—St. Mary, Guttenberg, *live streamed*
Living & Deceased of St. Mary Alumni

Sun., Jun 9: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Mass – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Gene & Mary Tujetsch
(Saturday's Mass will be rebroadcast at 10am)



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!



Live Streaming —Did You Know.....

Guttenberg Channel 6 can be downloaded as an app on Roku, FireTV and Android and iOS (Apple). Channel 6 is also on Alpine Fusion and Fusion+ for customers with a 252 prefix. It is not available on Mediacom but they are working on it. It's also available on the City's website under the Channel 6 tab.

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!

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Institution of the Eucharist

source: young-catholics.com

The Gospel during Corpus Christi tells us about Jesus preparing for the Passover. He instructs his disciples to set up a special room. Here, he starts the Eucharist, which is Jesus' way of staying with us always. This moment is not just about remembering Jesus but having Him present with us in every Mass.

Every time we participate in the Eucharist, we renew our commitment to God. Like the covenant in Exodus, our participation is a promise to live by God's ways. The Eucharist is a powerful reminder of Jesus' love and his ultimate sacrifice for us. It's also a call for us to come together as one family in faith.

As we reflect on Corpus Christi, we understand more deeply what it means to be part of God's covenant. Jesus sacrificed for us to be part of this new promise. Now, we are asked to live it out by following Jesus' teachings and sharing His love with others.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of the Eucharist. Help us to appreciate this gift more deeply and live out your commandments with love and dedication. Amen.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Much of today's Gospel focuses on the preparation for and sharing of a meal. The busy schedules that many parents and families keep today often intrude on this important daily ritual of sharing a meal, conversation, and time together. Mealtimes should be a holy time, a gathering where all are welcome to share dreams, joys, and struggles of the day. Think about the ritual of sharing a meal as a family. What can you do to create time for this in your family's daily routine? How can you involve all family members in the preparation for and celebration of a daily meal together? How can you make family mealtime a holy time, a joyful time, a prayerful time, and a memorable time?

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

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

Food Shelf Weekend . . .

There will be a second collection this weekend for the food pantry at the GMHC Family Resource Center in Guttenberg.

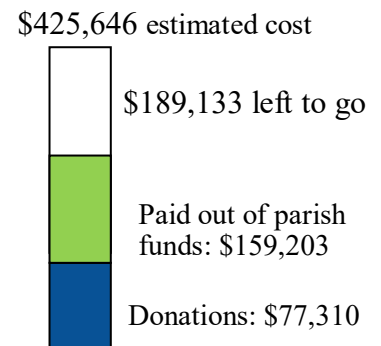
There are also totes at the back of church where you may place donations of non-perishable food items.

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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.



A Stewardship Moment

The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."

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

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

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