

**Mon., Dec. 11 – [No Mass Scheduled]**

**Tues., Dec. 12. – Garnavillo – [No weekday Masses until spring]**

**Wed., Dec. 13 – Guttenberg – Alice Green & Betty Klein**

**Thurs., Dec., 14 – 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center - Elmer Oberbroeckling & Amy [Steffen] Clay**

**Fri., Dec. 15 – [No Mass Scheduled]**

**Sat., Dec. 16 - Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent  
4:00 P.M. – Garnavillo – Francis Stroschein & Gerald Hoeger  
5:30 P.M. – Guttenberg – John/Theresa/Mark Ryan**

**Sun., Dec. 17 – Third Sunday of Advent  
8:30 A.M. – N. Buena Vista – People of the Parish  
10:00 A.M. – Guttenberg – Dorothy Knudtson Albert & Regina Schlueter & Family**

**We will be keeping count on how many we have celebrating mass at St. Joseph's for the next couple months.  
Mass count for 12/2 – 118**

**A Stewardship Moment**

**John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know how they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."**

*PRAYER LIST*

*If you would like to add someone to this list please contact Janice Berns at 880-7016*

- JO THEIN**
- BOB SEIFERT**
- CHRISTOPHER TURNIS**
- KATHY IHDE**
- SHIRLEY LELIEFELD**
- MARK NIEHAUS**
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- JOHN HEYING**
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- MARLENE MCLANE**
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**Father Marvin Bries  
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**Mass Schedules:  
St. Mary of Guttenberg  
Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
St. Joseph of Garnavillo  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
Immaculate Conception  
North Buena Vista  
Sunday 8:30 am**

**LIVE THE LITURGY: Embracing Humility and Repentance  
~ source: young-catholics.com**

John the Baptist exemplifies humility, a virtue essential for Advent preparation. He acknowledges his role as merely the forerunner to someone greater – Jesus. John's humility in recognizing his place in God's plan is a powerful model for us. In our parish communities and personal lives, embracing humility like John's allows us to make room for others to lead and for God's work to be done through them.

Our Advent journey, then, is marked by a dual movement: inward, to confront and repent of our sins, and outward, to embrace humility and allow God to work through us and others. As we reflect on the messages of Isaiah and John the Baptist for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B, we're invited to smooth the path for Christ's coming into our hearts and communities, transforming our lives in anticipation of His arrival. This preparation is not just an Advent exercise but a continual call to live in alignment with the divine will, guided by Jesus, our shepherd, who leads us out of the exile of sin into the embrace of God's love.

**Religious Retirement Fund Collection:**  
Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give as you are able.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Due to Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, there will be no Masses on Saturday December 23. The only weekend Mass will be Sunday, Dec. 24th at Guttenberg at 10:00 A.M.**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday Dec. 24:  
4:00 P.M. – St. Joseph, Garnavillo, children's Mass  
5:30 P.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, children's Mass**

**Christmas Day: Monday Dec. 25:  
8:30 A.M. – N. Buena Vista – children's Mass  
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Beauty In Christ Women's Conference  
Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
St. Mary Parish Center, Guttenberg  
More information coming soon!**

**Upcoming Parish Events . . . (BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)  
Dec 7: Parish Vitality Group Mtg, 6:30pm, PC  
Dec 8: Decorate Church, 1pm  
Dec 10: Coffee/Donuts after Mass, BH  
Dec 13: Faith Formation, 6pm  
Dec 20: Sacred Seed Sowers Book Club, 1pm, PC**