

MASS SCHEDULE

December 16 through December 22, 2019

Mon., Dec 16: No Mass Scheduled

Tues., Dec 17: 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Mary Jane Steger

Wed., Dec 18: No School Mass; SMIC Christmas Concert, 6 pm

Thur., Dec 19: 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center
Jackie Spielbauer & Family

Fri., Dec 20: No Mass Scheduled

Sat., Dec 21: VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg
Rita McGuire

Sun., Dec 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista
Eldora Ploessl
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg
Donald & JoAnn Wille

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Tue., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. – Guttenberg – Children’s Mass –

Fr. Bries & Deacon Pfaffly - John/Mark/Teresa Ryan

4:00 P.M. – Garnavillo – Children’s Mass – Fr. Koopman

Dec’d of Koopman Family

6:00 P.M. – Guttenberg – Adult Choir Mass

Fr. Koopman - Janette & Cliff Frommelt

6:00 P.M. – N. Buena Vista – Children’s Mass – Fr. Bries

People of the Parish

Wed. Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – 9:00 A.M. - Guttenberg

Fr. Bries - Fritz/Rosemary/John/Joe Kann



Light the third candle on your advent wreath—the candle of joy!

Become a Knight of Columbus. kofc.org/joinus Follow us on Facebook @KofC4148.

Reminder: Sunday, Dec. 15, Clayton Ridge Christmas Concert, St. Mary's Church, 7pm

The book, "**Rediscover the Saints**," will be passed out after Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

There are two questions that confront the people of every place and time, questions that confront you and me today: Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life? We seem gripped by exasperation and paralyzed by the false belief that we can't do anything about it. The saints dispel that exasperation and inspire us to bold action. They remind us over and over again: **"WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!"**

Remember to pick up your copy, at Christmas!

Upcoming Event: KC Breakfast, Sunday January 12th. Proceeds will help fund the new lighting in Brinkmann Hall. Come "see" the difference!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, you can visit Blooming Branches or call them at 252-3800. Monetary donations may also be given. Place your donation in an envelop marked "Christmas Flower Donation" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Rectory no later than 12/20/2019.

Sundays during Advent

Fr. Bries will be handing out "The Kids Bulletin" to children prior to Mass on Sunday mornings. This bulletin is a fun way for kids to learn about their faith every week.

**St. Mary Social Justice Committee
1st Annual CHRISTMAS
CLOTHING MISSION**

All the tags have been taken! Please return your purchased item with the tag attached, and place it in the container at the back of church. There is no need to gift wrap.

The last weekend to return an item is **December 21/22.**

All items collected will be given to the needy families in our area. The GMHC Family Resource Center is helping us to identify and distribute the clothing.

Clothing the naked is a corporal work of mercy.

Upcoming events.....

- Dec 15:** Clayton Ridge HS Christmas Concert
St. Mary's Church, 7pm
- Dec 18:** SMIC Christmas Concert, 6pm
- Dec 24:** 4pm Children's Mass, Guttenberg
4pm Children's Mass, Garnavillo
6pm Adult Choir Mass, Guttenberg
6pm Children's Mass, N. Buena Vista
- Dec 25:** 9am Christmas Mass, Guttenberg
- Jan 4/5:** Collection for Food Shelf
- Jan 12:** KC Breakfast

Christmas Gift Idea!

'One and Done' Fundraiser

Christmas Gift Idea!

SMIC School's Cash Drawing Fundraiser will replace the Extravaganza and be the **only fundraiser** this year. \$4000 will be given away over 26 weeks. Tickets are \$20 each and winners will be reentered in the drawing. Please stop by the school office to purchase tickets. **Thank you for supporting SMIC School and helping keep our tuition affordable!**

Dec 6th winner of \$50 was Becky Barnhart, Colesburg

- Dec 13: \$100**
- Dec 20: \$500**

Choir Practice Schedule

Dec. 18th: 6:30 men, 7pm all
Dec 22- after Mass, 11-12:30

Rediscover your Catholic faith by attending "Christ Our Life Conference" on September 26th & 27th 2020. Information on the speakers can be found in the back of church. Please take a book marker. More details to come.

How does Good King
Wenceslas like his pizzas?
Deep pan crisp and even!

If you have information for the bulletin, please notify the parish office by Tuesday evening to: churchlady@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

A note from Father Gaul:

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and encouraging words during my heart issues. I appreciate it very much. Please continue to pray for me as I do you. Special gratitude to Fr. Bries and the school children. Wishing all of you a blessed and holy advent season and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Left from the rummage sale, a headboard and an aquarium. Please see Father if interested.

Reminder: The Internal Revenue Service requires all contributions to your parish church must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2019 to receive charitable credit for 2019.

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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

Baptisms and Funerals

Make arrangements at the Rectory.

Marriages

Contact Fr. Bries at least six months prior to the wedding.