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**MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 3-9, 2012 A.D.**

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Mon., Dec. 3	[No Mass Scheduled due to school concert set-up]
Tues., Dec. 4	8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center Delbert Matt
<b>Wed., Dec. 5</b>	<b>[No Mass scheduled due to SMIC concert] 12:30 &amp; 6:30 p.m. in church]</b>
Thurs., Dec. 6	10:10 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center Ben & Anna Roth Family
Fri., Dec. 7	8:30 A.M. Guttenberg "First Friday" "St. Ambrose" Hilda & Lewis/Sr. Mary Ann Carrier
<b>Sat. Dec. 8</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. Guttenberg "Holy Day" Feast of the Immaculate Conception of BVM</b>
Sat., Dec. 8	VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Annie & Elmer Fangmann 5:30 P.M. Guttenberg June & Maury Pierce
Sun., Dec. 9	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista James & Mary Lou Brietbach 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Mary Lou Gulbro (Anniv.)

**ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Sat., Dec. 8	Garnavillo at 3:30 p.m. Guttenberg after Mass
Sun., Dec. 9	N. Buena Vista at 8 a.m. Guttenberg after Mass

**EVENTS IN THE AREA**

**Sun., Dec. 2** Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at IC parish hall in North Buena Vista from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE****Mon., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**

4:00 P.M. Guttenberg Children's Mass  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Children's Mass  
6:00 P.M. Guttenberg Adult Choir's Mass  
with cantata ½ hour before Mass  
7:30 P.M. North Buena Vista - Children's Mass

**Tue. Dec. 25 Christmas Day**

9:00 A.M. Guttenberg

**THERE WILL BE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** for grades 2 through 8, on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, but there will be **NO** Religious Education for the high school students due to St. Mary's Christmas Concert.

**COLLECTION WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 8-9** - This is an annual appeal to support senior Catholic religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who are retired and need your contribution. **Envelopes in your budget boxes.**

**NEED TO PURCHASE A BIBLE?** - St. Mary's Parish Life Committee is offering for sale a unique Christmas gift, the "**Little Rock Catholic Study Bible**," a hard cover copy for \$45.00. Call Jerry Balk, 252-2361, to view and reserve a copy. It is great for both personal use and group Bible study that includes updated commentaries within the 2668 pages of this remarkable volume.

**PURCHASING SCRIP** - Support St. Mary's IC School by purchasing SCRIP at Fidelity Bank and Peoples State Bank for your holiday and everyday needs. Or, you can order **SCRIP** by emailing Kim at [ktmoser@alpinecom.net](mailto:ktmoser@alpinecom.net). St. Mary's IC School collects milk caps for Swiss Valley and Prairie Farms milk products, labels from Best Choice, Betty Crocker, General Mills, and Campbell's brands for "money for education." They also recycle toner and ink cartridges, cell phones, and redeem cans to Rise. Please join them in these fundraising efforts. Thanks for all of your support.

**THE DAILY READINGS ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITE!**

Our three linked parishes (St. Mary of Guttenberg, Immaculate Conception of North Buena Vista, and St. Joseph of Garnavillo) and our school (St. Mary IC) have a website. Scroll down the page and you will find the daily readings, which are automatically updated. Please give us feedback so that we can improve the website. Email [jbpffaffly@gmail.com](mailto:jbpffaffly@gmail.com)

“**NO PRICE TOO HIGH**” is a recent “CD of the month” topic. In this stunning real-life drama, discover the sacrificial yet triumphant journey of Reverend Alex Jones, a man of deep integrity and love for Christ. The astonishing events that followed culminated not only in his conversion to the Catholic Faith, but also that of 42 members of his flock. There are numerous CD’s of **spiritual topics** located in the entryway of church and are available at \$3.00 each. These CD’s do make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

**ST. MARY’S SCRIPTURE STUDY** will start February 6 & 7, 2013. Call Jerry Balk, 252-2361, for further information.

**THE WITNESS** is our archdiocesan Catholic newspaper. If you already have a subscription, you will be sent a notice in the mail at time of renewal. If you would like to subscribe to the Witness newspaper, application forms are in the copies in the back of church. The price is \$25.00 per year.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on *Thursday*, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M, but descants and sopranos practice are asked to come at 6:30.

**HUMOR – Let’s Get Back Together**

Dear John,

I have been unable to sleep since I broke off our engagement. Won't you forgive and forget? Your absence is breaking my heart. I was a fool - nobody can take your place. I love you.

All my love,

Susan    xxxxx000xxxx

P.S. Congratulations on winning this week's lottery.