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**MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 17-23, 2012 A.D.**

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Mon., Dec. 17 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg Marvin Nieland  
Tues., Dec. 18 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Don & Charlotte Oberbroeckling  
Wed., Dec. 19 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade School Mass  
Rita Mae McGuire (Anniv.)  
Thurs., Dec. 20 10:10 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center  
Fr. Robert Auer  
Fri., Dec. 21 [No Mass Scheduled]  
Sat., Dec. 22 VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Phil Eulberg  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg Mardell Meisner (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Sun., Dec. 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista - People of the Parish  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg JoAnn Wille

**ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

Sat., Dec. 22 Garnavillo at 3:30 p.m.  
Guttenberg after Mass  
Sun., Dec. 23 N. Buena Vista at 8 a.m.  
Guttenberg after Mass

**REMINDER FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)** - all contributions to a non-profit church must be in the hands of the pastor by midnight December 31<sup>st</sup> unless post marked by post office before that time.

**CLAYTON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND & CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sun., Dec. 16 7 p.m. in St. Mary Church of Guttenberg

**THERE WILL BE REL. ED.** for grades 9-12, on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, but there will be **NO** Rel. Ed. for grades 2-8.

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

4:00 P.M. Guttenberg - Children's Mass  
Clifford Frommelt  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Children's Mass  
Cantata ½ hour before Mass  
Dec'd of Koopman Family  
6:00 P.M. Guttenberg Adult Choir's Mass  
Cantata ½ hour before Mass  
Eldon 'Buzz' Parker & Bud Kann  
7:30 P.M. North Buena Vista - Children's Mass  
Christmas carols ½ hour before Mass

**Tue. Dec. 25 Christmas Day**

9:00 A.M. Guttenberg  
Fritz/Rosemary/Joe/John Kann

**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.

**INTERESTED IN A RETREAT?** – Check out the Shalom Retreat Center at [www.shalomretreats.org](http://www.shalomretreats.org)

**SAVE THE DATE** -St Mary IC School, Extravaganza 2012, Saturday, March 16, Lakeside Ballroom, Guttenberg, IA. Social hour/raffle/silent auction at 5:00-6:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00-7:00 pm. Hypnotist show at 7:30 pm. Dinner & show ticket \$25 (for advanced tickets only, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older). Dinner will be grilled chicken breast, glazed ham, vegetable medley, potato, romaine strawberry salad, dinner roll, cheesecake.

**NEW CD'S** are added monthly to the wide selection of spiritual topics that are now available in the entryway of St. Mary's Church. These CD's at \$3.00 each make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on *Wed.*, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

**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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the next **Living Rosary** on December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The rosary will start 30 minutes before Mass and you can participate by reciting the prayer for the bead of the rosary you are holding.

**HUMOR** – Three priests sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas, " he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."