

MASS SCHEDULE

December 9 through December 15, 2019

Mon., Dec 9: No Mass Scheduled

Tues., Dec 10: 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Donald Berns

Wed., Dec 11: 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg – 1st Grade School Mass
Carolyn Carrier
6:30 P.M. Guttenberg – Religious Education Mass

Thur., Dec 12: 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center
“Our Lady of Guadalupe”
Gary Randall

Fri., Dec 13: No Mass Scheduled, “St. Lucy”

Sat., Dec 14: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo
People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg
Mary Jean [Berns] Bries

Sun., Dec 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista
Rosie Boge [Months Mind]
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg
Janice Ulbrich (CD of A)

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.

Light the second candle on your advent wreath—the candle of love!

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

Reminder: The youth who attended NCYC will be sharing their experiences during the 10am Mass this Sunday and afterward in Brinkman Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Things to Pray For During Advent:

1. Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
2. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
3. Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
4. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.
5. Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of loving community.
6. Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.
7. Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.
8. Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.
9. Pray for joy and a sense of humor.
10. Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power.

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

Please select a tag from the **Giving Tree** in the back of church. Each tag will identify an item for a child or adult in need. After you purchase the item, please return it 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.

SOUP LUNCHEON with Vendors

Immaculate Conception Parish
North Buena Vista, Iowa
December 8th 9-1
Soup, Sandwich, Beverage and
Dessert \$8.00
Santa Visits 10:30 - 12:30



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.

Upcoming events.....

- Dec 8:** NCYC Youth Share their Experiences at 10am Mass
- 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

SMIC School is doing a Cash Drawing Fundraiser with \$4000 given away over 26 weeks. Tickets are \$20 each and winners will be reentered in the drawing. Multiple chances to win! Please see any SMIC student or stop by the school office to purchase tickets. **Thank you for supporting SMIC School and helping keep our tuition affordable.**



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.

The KC's honored Bob Hinzman as Decemeber's "Knight of the Month".

Choir Practice Schedule:

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

During the month of November, **225 lbs** of food was collected for the GMHC Family Resource Center Food Pantry! **Thanks** to everyone who gave food to this cause!

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.

Two coats were left in church a few weeks ago. They are in the reconciliation room. Also left from the rummage sale, a headboard and an aquarium. Please see Father if interested.



What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!

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

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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.