
MASS SCHEDULE: NOV. 25 – DEC. 1, 2013 A.D.

- Mon. Nov. 25 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center
Francis & Jay Matt
- Tues. Nov. 26 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Vincent Hoeger Family
- Wed. Nov. 27 VIGIL OF THANKSGIVING
8:30 A.M. Guttenberg 6th Grade School Mass
Hilda & Lewis Carrier/Sr. Mary Ann Carrier
- [Presentation of the Bell of St. Mary and SMIC Spirit Awards]**
- 4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Gail Scheffert
7:00 P.M. North Buena Vista - Charles Hefel
- Thurs. Nov. 28 9:00 A.M. Guttenberg “Thanksgiving Day”
Eldon ‘Buzz’ Kann/Herb Kann
- Fri. Nov. 29 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Nov. 30 VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Sylvester Wille
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Lloyd Bahls
- Sun. Dec. 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista - People of the Parish
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg – Richard Goerd [Anniv.]

BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AND OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES - Sun., Dec. 1, 2013 St. Mary of Guttenberg, after mass Elliott Joseph Rausch, son of Joseph & Katie [Vonderhaar] Rausch.

THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is open for applications. This program pays a portion of primary heating costs. Call 245-2452.

UPCOMING ELKADER DEANERY MEETING

Tues., Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. Clergy & 7:30 p.m. Laity & Clergy
Canceled due to conflict. Rescheduled for Tues., Dec. 17
with Archbishop Jackels.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES will be on Nov. 27th. Grades 2-8 will be at 2:30-4:45 p.m. and grades 9-12 at 7:00-8:30.

NEW CD’S have been added recently to the wide selection of **spiritual topics** available in the entryway of St. Mary’s Church. The new topics added are: “Proofs for the Existence of God”; “Our Lady of Good Success”; “Science, the Origin of the Universe, and God”; “Detox”; and “The Jesuits, the Church, and the Papacy.” All CD’s are available at \$3.00 each

ST. MARY’S ADULT CHOIR WOULD BE ENHANCED with additional **male** singers. Please come and share your God given gift of singing. New male and female voices are always welcome and now would be a great time to join as we start our Advent and holiday season of the birth of Jesus Christ. Watch the bulletin for practice times or ask a current member.

M.A.S.S. “Men Actively Seeking Spirituality:” A group of men will be discussing how we can live our lives today with Jesus Christ as our companion. We are centered on Christianity, humanity, and the every day world we live in. Our meetings will be located in the basement of the old St. Mary School in the Knights of Columbus meeting room. The meetings are held weekly on Tuesday nights, from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

“SIGNS OF LIFE” is the November “CD of the Month.” In this informative and dynamic presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn guides us to a deeper faith through the Old Testament historical roots that underlie Catholic beliefs and practices. Dr. Hahn clears up common misconceptions about specific liturgical rituals and traditions, and responds thoughtfully to the objections raised about them. All CD’s are just \$3.00 each.

THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday, November 27, Thanksgiving holiday, or December 4, St. Mary IC School Children’s concert.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2014 is presently planning to participate in a **Youth Mass** on December 8 with coffee and donuts after Mass in Brinkmann Hall.

THE 2014 EXTRAVAGANZA with hypnotist, Jim Wand, is in the planning stages. It is scheduled for March 1st, 2014, at Lakeside Ballroom. Mark your calendars to attend a fun family night and support your St. Mary's IC School and promoters.

PRAYER SHAWLS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED to Joyce Cherne, Dorothy Wach, Veryl Voss, and Laura Palumbo of our parish community. May we keep these people in our daily prayers. *Prayer Shawls* is a program of the Parish Life Committee.

YOUTH MASS - The Confirmation Class of 2014 is presently planning to participate in a **youth mass** on December 8 with coffee and donuts after Mass in Brinkmann Hall.

ST. MARY'S SCRIPTURE STUDY had 30 participating members completing the Revised **Exodus Study** from the Little Rock Scripture Study program that ended on October 17, 2013. Our new study will be of the New Testament, "**The Gospel According to John and the Johannine Letters.**" It will start on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 9:15 A.M. and on Thursday, February 6, at 7 P.M. and continue for 10 lessons until April 9 & 10. The final 5 lessons will start on Wednesday, September 17, and Thursday, September 18. The cost of the study material for the entire study session will remain \$15.00. For further information, you can contact Jerry Balk, 252-2361, Liz Simon, 880-8087, or Val Schmitt, 880-8282.

HUMOR – Fun facts for the day.

- If all of the people held hands and circled the world two-thirds of them drown.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.
- The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.
- I took an IQ test and the results were negative.