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**MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2 – 8, 2013 A.D.**

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Mon. Dec. 2 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center  
Special Intention

Tues. Dec. 3 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
“St. Francis Xavier” Alvin & Pearl Gaul

**Wed. Dec. 4 [No Mass –SMIC Christmas Concert in church] 12:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. performances**

Thurs. Dec. 5 10:10 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center  
Ben & Anna Roth Family

Fri. Dec. 6 [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat. Dec. 7 VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Terry Schmelzer  
(Confessions before Mass 2:30-2:45 p.m.)  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg People of the Parish  
(Confessions after Mass until all heard)

Sun. Dec. 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista  
(Confessions before Mass 8:00-8:15 A.M.)  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Mary Lou Gulbro  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class doing Mass  
(Confessions after Mass until all heard)

**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.

**THANK YOU** to our 3-linked parishes for the baby clothing and articles that you collected for Birthright of Dubuque. We will fill many layettes we give to new babies.

**EVENT IN THE AREA**

Sun., Dec. 8 St. Mary of Guttenberg – after Confirmation Class  
Mass coffee and doughnuts in Brinkman Hall.

Sun., Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of North Buena Vista  
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

**PLEASE NOTE** - Religious Retirement Fund envelope in your budget box.

**CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN A NEW WAY -**

Dinner, Sharing and Prayer for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse or Significant Other. Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque, Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:00 – 8:30 pm Facilitators: Barbara Meloy Callahan & Marci Blum OSF. Offering: \$20. To register, call 563/582-3592 by noon, Dec. 3.

**RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES** will be on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR PRACTICE** on December 4 due to 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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.

**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.

**HUMOR – Stuffed Turkey** - Little Billy was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

"What are you doing?" Billy asked.

"Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey," his grandmother replied.

"That's cool!" Billy said. "Are you going to hang it next to the deer?"