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**MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 16 – 22, 2013 A.D.**

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- Mon. Dec. 16 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center  
Bob Hartmann
- Tues. Dec. 17 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Dorothy Schmelzer
- Wed. Dec. 18 **10:00 A.M.** Guttenberg 4<sup>th</sup> Grade School Mass  
Gertrude Korde
- [Presentation of Bell of St. Mary; the Spirit of SMIC School  
and the Spirit of Faith Awards]**
- Thurs. Dec. 19 10:10 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center
- Fri. Dec. 20 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Dec. 21 VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Eldon Swisher [Months Mind]  
(Confessions before Mass 3:30-3:45 p.m.)  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Larry & Mardell Meisner  
(Confessions after Mass until all heard)
- Sun. Dec. 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 A.M. N. Buena Vista - Clarence Ludovissy  
(Confessions before Mass 8:00-8:15 A.M.)  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Jo Ann Wille  
(Confessions after Mass until all heard)

**BAPTISM INTO FAMILY OF GOD & OUR FAITH**

**FAMILY** - Sun., Dec. 15 – St. Mary's of Guttenberg – during  
Mass. Evelyn Grace Schmit, daughter of Steven & Tammy  
[Miller] Schmit

**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.

**CLAYTON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS**

**CONCERT** - Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – held in St. Mary's Church at  
7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>
- 4:00 P.M. Guttenberg – Children's Mass  
John Ryan//Clifford Frommelt
- 4:00 P.M. Garnavillo – Children's Mass  
Amy Matt
- 6:00 P.M. Guttenberg Adult Choir with cantata  
Henry Kann [Months Mind]
- 7:30 P.M. N. Buena Vista – Children's Mass
- Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>
- 9:00 A.M. Guttenberg  
Fred/Rosemary/John/Joe Kann

**CONFESSIONS**

- Tues., Dec. 24 Garnavillo 11:00 a.m. to noon  
Guttenberg 11:00 a.m. to noon

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET  
AGAIN UNTIL 2014.**

**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on *Wednesday*, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at  
7:15 P.M.

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the next **Living Rosary** on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The **Living Rosary** on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, will be televised on our local TV station 6. Please be early, 9:30, to enable full participation in the **Living Rosary** with a person holding and reciting the appropriate prayer for the bead you are holding.

**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.

**NEED TO LOOK UP SOMETHING** on the Weekly Bulletin or the Monthly Ministry Schedule? You can download both of these at our three-parish website. Just type in *maryicjoseph.org*, select *St. Mary*, and drag down to *Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Schedules*.

**DONATE A POINSETTIA?** If you would like to donate a poinsettia or money to buy one, please put the money in an envelope mark *Poinsettia*, and put it in the weekly collection.

**HUMOR** – In a small southern town I saw several people putting together a Nativity Scene, but one small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I asked one of the people about it. The man opened his Bible and pointed out the Bible passage. He said, "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from afar'."