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**MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 23 – 29, 2013 A.D.**

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Mon. Dec. 23 8:30A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center  
Julius Steffen

**CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tues. Dec. 24

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. North Buena Vista - Children's Mass

Wed. Dec. 25

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

Thurs. Dec 26 [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri. Dec. 27 [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat. Dec. 28 VIGIL OF FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Dec'd of Koopman Family

5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - People of the Parish

Sun. Dec. 29 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista

10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Albert & Regina Schlueter

**CONFESSIONS**

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

Guttenberg - 11:00 a.m. to noon

**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.

**THE LIVING ROSARY WILL BE 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 NEW SCRIPTURE 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.

**IRS REMINDER** that contributions for 2013 mailed must be postmarked by December 31 or at the rectory.

**SUPPORT ST. MARY 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). The receipts of your purchases from Kuempel True Value Hardware are redeemable, also, a part of the SCRIP program.

## **HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**YOUR TRASH TO CASH** - St. Mary's IC School collects the UPC codes from Best Choice and Our Family brand products, and turns them into cash, as well as the "Money for Education" labels from Betty Crocker, General Mills, and Campbell's brands. Other recyclable items include: inkjet & toner cartridges, digital cameras, GPS devices, MP3 players, headsets, and cell phones. Redeemable beverage cans with Iowa deposit are collected as part of the recycling program, too.

**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.

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**THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE** will be on January 1, 2014. You can access the handout on our website. It is on the home page of [maryicjoseph.org](http://maryicjoseph.org).

### **HUMOR – Three Wise Women?**

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!