
MASS SCHEDULE: DEC. 30, 2013 – JAN. 5, 2014 A.D.

Mon. Dec. 30 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center
Margaret Ellerbach

Tues. Dec. 31 **EVE OF FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
People of the Parish

6:00 P.M. Guttenberg Evelyn & Kenneth Hall

Wed. Jan. 1 [No Mass Scheduled]

Thurs. Jan. 2 10:10 A.M. Guttenberg - Care Center
Robert Frommelt

Fri. Jan. 3 [No Mass Scheduled]

Sat. Jan. 4 **VIGIL OF FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Sylvester Wille

5:30 P.M. Guttenberg

Katherine Wesemann [1st Anniv.]

Sun. Jan. 5 **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista - People of the Parish

10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Armella Nuehring

EVENT IN THE AREA – Sunday, Jan. 12, at St. Clement of Bankston 29th Annual Men's Winter Breakfast. Serving from 7 a.m. to noon. Menu: sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns sweet rolls, toast coffee, juice and milk. COST: Adults/\$7.50; children 5-10/\$4 and preschool/free.

UPCOMING MOVIE - On January 19, 2014, the movie, **Silver Bells** will be presented in St. Mary's Brinkmann Hall after the 10 o'clock Mass with a **free** luncheon prior to the movie starting approximately at 11:30. The movie is about a father and son and a renewed relationship at Christmas time.

THE 9th GRADE CCD CLASS is planning to participate in a **Youth Mass** on January 12th.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST will serve breakfast in Brinkmann Hall on January 12th. Please join us for this community event.

NEED TO LOOK AT THE JANUARY SCHEDULE? You can download this schedule at our three-parish website. Just type in *maryicjoseph.org*, select *St. Mary*, drag down to *Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Schedules*, and click on January.

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

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.

WHAT IS CEW? "The best weekend of my life" is how many participants describe their time at a **Christian Experience Weekend**. The CEW weekend is a structured 48-hour experience that is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people of all denominations. A team of lay people, priests, sisters, and ministers conduct the weekend. The cost is \$45.00. The **Women's** weekend is February 7-9, 2014 and the **Men's** weekend is February 28- March 2, 2014 at Clayton Ridge High School in Guttenberg. For further information call Liz Simon, 880-8087, or Wendy Shea, 252-1264.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

DRINK PRAIRIE FARMS MILK AND GIVE TO WHAT MOOVES YOU. Prairie Farms now makes it easy for you to give back to your favorite cause, in your community, how YOU choose. Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms white or flavored milk in gallon or ½ gallon sizes. Peel off the special 75th Anniversary cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code. Go to the following web site: **www.prairiefarms.com/our-caps-your-cause.aspx** and follow the remaining instructions.

STO - St. Mary Immaculate Conception School System in Guttenberg received \$31,123 in tuition assistance from the Our Faith, Our Children Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO) for the 2013-2014 school year.

We offer our sincere gratitude to the many individuals who supported the STO last year, and in doing so provided the invaluable gift of school choice to numerous St. Mary Immaculate Conception families.

Tax credits (65%) are limited, but may still be available through the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO). Donations received on or before December 31, 2013 will qualify for a 65 percent Iowa tax credit and will benefit St. Mary Immaculate Conception families in the 2014-2015 school year. Tuition assistance applications for 2014-2015 will be available in January.

Visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call (319) 261-1031 and speak with Jamie Henley to learn more.

HUMOR – The teacher in our Bible class asked a woman to read from the Book of Numbers about the Israelites wandering in the desert. “The Lord heard you when you wailed, If only we had meat to eat!” she began. “Now the Lord will give you meat. You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, or ten or twenty days, but for a month—until you loathe it.”

When the woman finished, she paused, looked up, and said, "Hey, isn't that the Atkins diet?"