
MASS SCHEDULE: DEC. 29, 2014 – JAN. 4, 2015 A.D.

Mon. Dec. 29 [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues. Dec. 30 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Carol Hayes

**Wed. Dec. 31 6:00 P.M. Guttenberg People of the
Parish**

“Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God” [Holy Day Vigil]

Thurs. Jan. 1 [No Mass Scheduled]

Fri. Jan. 2 [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat. Jan., 3 VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY**

4:00 P.M. Garnavillo

5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - William & Kay Vogt

Sun. Jan., 4 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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

10:00 A.M. Guttenberg

Helen [Spielbauer] Bolsinger

[Months Mind]

REMINDER FROM I.R.S (Internal Revenue Service) -
contribution for 2014 must be postmarked by December 31,
2014.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR - Thank you for the
Christmas cards and gifts from our 3-linked parishes. May God
bless you in the New Year of the Lord 2015 in your kindness
and generosity to your pastor.

**BAPTISM INTO FAMILY OF GOD & OUR COMMUNITY
OF FAITH** - Sunday, December 28, 2014 - St. Mary of
Guttenberg – after Mass. Nylah Danaye Connelly, child of
Shasta Connelly “May you grow in age, knowledge & wisdom in
the Lord Jesus!”

NO REL. ED. until January 28, 2015. Enjoy the break.

**THE TOPIC FOR THE DECMEBER “CD OF THE
MONTH”** is **“Faith at Work & the Holy Moment”** by
Matthew Kelly answers many business and ethical questions in
this presentation which was made to the Catholic Business and
Ethics Conference. All CD’s sell for \$3.00 each.

MANY THANKS to our sacristans and volunteers who made
our 3-linked parishes/churches a most beautiful place to
celebrate Jesus’ birthday. May God bless you all in a special
way in the New Year of the Lord 2015!!!

SUPPORT ST. MARY’S 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 as a part of the
SCRIP program.

STO – The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition
Organization awarded nearly \$4.1 million in 2014 in need-based
tuition grants to almost 3,200 students, representing over 32% of
the students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of
Dubuque. Families are eligible for STO assistance if their
taxable income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty rate
for the previous tax year. The STO grants are made possible
through the support of hundreds of donors across the
Archdiocese. These donors not only receive the satisfaction of
helping thousands of students, but also receive an Iowa income
tax credit equal to 65% of their total donation. In addition, their
entire gift is eligible for federal income tax deductibility. The
goal for the 2014 tax year is \$5.7 million. Donor applications, as
well as a complete explanation of the program are available at
www.ourfaithsto.org. This program benefits all of the
Archdiocese, please support and share this program with others.

DOWNLOAD WEEKLY BULLETINS – Type in
maryicjoseph.org in a web browser, select *St. Mary Parish*,
click on *Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Schedules*. Select the
bulletin that you want to download.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - The Parish Life Committee is seeking someone who can help make the “**Prayer Shawls**” and also help manage and distribute the shawls. This ministry helps provide comfort and well being for those in our parish community who need prayers. Contact Lois Davis at 252-1858.

NOTICE - St. Mary’s Parish Life Committee still has several copies for sale of the **Three Parish Directory** for \$25.00 each. We will not be printing any more after these are sold. Please contact Jim Pfaffly, 252-3553, or Jerry Balk, 252-2361 for a copy.

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: “**Seven Deadly Sins-Seven Lively Virtues**”; “**The History of Salvation**”; “**Why Is There Hell**”; “**Confession**”; “**Praying the Rosary Like Never Before**” and “**Anger and Forgiveness.**” All CD’s are available at \$3.00 each

THE WITNESS is our archdiocesan Catholic newspaper. If you already have a subscription, you will be sent a notice in the mail at time of renewal. If you would like to subscribe to the Witness newspaper, application forms are in the copies in the back of church. The price is \$25.00 per year.

HUMOR – NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS – Lose Weight

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?”

Learning New Things - I was trying to decide what to do for a talent show I planned to enter. Trusting my wife to help me out, I asked, “For the show, what do you think I should do, sing or put on a comedy act?” Glancing up from her paper, she said dryly, “What’s the difference?”