
MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 7-13, 2015 A.D.

- Mon. Dec. 7 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Tues. Dec. 8 “FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION”**
8:30 A.M. Guttenberg 2nd Grade School Mass
Rosina Harber
- Wed. Dec. 9 [NO MASS SCHEDULED]
- Thur. Dec. 10 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center
Ronald & Julius Steffen
- Fri. Dec. 11 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Dec. 12 VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Arnold & Elmer Fangman
[Confessions before Mass]
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg Dorothy Wilson [1st Anniv.]
[Confessions after Mass]
- Sun. Dec. 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista - People of the Parish
[Confessions before Mass]
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Adele Tujetsch [Months Mind]
[Confessions after Mass]

WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR 3 LINKED COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Sun., Dec. 13 St. Mary of Guttenberg – after Mass
Daxter Dean Bries, son of Brian & Kelsey [White] Bries

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Wednesday, December 9
Elementary 6:00-7:15 P.M. Guttenberg & Garnavillo
High School 7:15-8:45 PM. Guttenberg
7:30-9:00 P.M. Garnavillo

REMINDER - Internal Revenue Service requires all contributions to your parish church must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2015 to receive charitable credit for the year 2015.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- Thurs., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
4:00 P.M. Guttenberg Children’s Mass [Fr. Bries]
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Children’s Mass [Fr. Koopman]
6:00 P.M. Guttenberg Adult Choir Mass [Fr. Koopman]
6:00 P.M. N. Buena Vista Children’s Mass [Fr. Bries]
- Fri., Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
9:00 A.M. Guttenberg [Fr. Bries]

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

- Tues., Dec. 15 St. Joseph of Garnavillo
6:30 p.m. – finance council & 7:00 P.M. – parish council
- Mon, Dec. 21 – St. Mary of Guttenberg
7:00 p.m. – finance council & 8:00 P.M. – parish council

EXTRAVAGANZA 2016 – Feb. 13, Social Hour/Raffle/Silent Auction 5:00-6:00 P.M. Dinner Served 6:00-7:00 P.M. Hypnotist Show 7:30 P.M. Dinner/Show Ticket \$35 (Advanced Tickets Only, limited number will be sold). (Two Meat Buffet, Potato, Vegetable, dinner roll, salads and dessert). For tickets call 563-252-1577 or eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on December 8th, after the 8:30 A.M. Mass. Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 9:00 A.M. until noon. Please come for an hour or two and spend time with the Lord. Help us begin the “Year of Mercy” with prayer.

CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas music will continue Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30 PM.

CD OF THE MONTH - The topic for the **December “CD the Month”** is: **“MARY: The Indispensable Mother of God.”** Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church’s understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. All CD’s presently on sale for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION students will be circulating through town caroling and collecting for the St. Olaf Food Pantry on Dec. 16, from 7:20 P.M. – 8:00 PM.

CHANGES ON THE WEBSITE – A major change of our three parish and school website is that Faith Formation (Religious Education) has now been moved to its own tab.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH? As we come to the end of another fiscal year it is important that you are registered in a parish. Boxes of envelopes will soon be distributed in all three of our linked parishes. **Your membership entitles you to all the benefits that your parish offers.** Sadly 1/3rd of registered parishioners give nothing to the support of the parish expenses. People who attend St. Joseph of Garnavillo can contact Janice Berns to register, those who attend Immaculate Conception of North Buena can contact Mary Breitbach, and those who attend St. Mary of Guttenberg can contact Fr. Bries. Also contact Fr. Bries if you need envelopes.

NEW CD - With the approach of the “**Year of Mercy,**” a new CD, “**The Healing Power of Confession**” will be available. Dr. Scott Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). He provides an important guide for new Catholics, a source of renewal for “old hands”, and a challenge to all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ through regular use of the Sacrament of Penance.

“**THE 21 UNDENIABLE SECRETS OF MARRIAGE**” is the latest new book available for you to read from **St. Mary’s Parish Life Committee.** It can be found on the table next to CD’s of Spiritual topics. This book is **FREE** for you to read.

HUMOR - A Religious Education teacher was telling the class about how Lot’s wife looked back at the city while they were fleeing its destruction, even though God had forbidden her to. She then turned into a pillar of salt.

A little boy interrupted her and said, “My mommy looked back one time while she was driving the car and she turned into a street lamp.”