
MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 21 - 27, 2015 A.D.

- Mon. Dec. 21 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Tues. Dec. 22 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Mary Eulberg
- Wed. Dec. 23 [NO MASS SCHEDULED]
- Thurs. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**
- 4:00 P.M. Guttenberg Children's Mass [Fr. Bries]**
People of the Parish
- 4:00 P.M. Garnavillo Children's Mass**
[Fr. Koopman]
Dec'd of Swisher Family
- 5:30 P.M. *Cantata by Adult Choir in Guttenberg*
- 6:00 P.M. Guttenberg Adult Choir Mass**
[Fr. Koopman]
Janice & Cliff Frommelt
- 6:00 P.M. North Buena Vista Children's Mass**
[Fr. Bries]
Christina & John Schmidt
- Fri. Dec. 25 Christmas Day**
- 8:45 A.M. *Christmas Hymns by Adult Choir*
- 9:00 A.M. Guttenberg [Fr. Bries]**
Fritz, Rosemary, John & Joe Kann
- Sat. Dec. 26 VIGIL OF FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
- 4:00 p.m. Garnavillo - Mary Koopman
- 5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Robert Hartmann
- Sun. Dec. 27 FEAST OF THE HOY FAMILY
- 8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista
- 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - People of the Parish

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

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - if you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of loved ones, you can either purchase one or put money in an envelope and mark **poinsettia**. Please call Susan Leonhart if you have any questions. Thanks!

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas music will continue Wednesday, December 23rd at 7:00 PM.

START OF THE YEAR OF MERCY RIGHT - The “Year of Mercy” announced by Pope Francis started on December 08, 2015. We have many CD’s of Spiritual Topics which could help you live out this “Year of Mercy”. Some of the newest CDs include “**The Healing Power of Confession,**”and “**MARY: The Indispensable Mother of God**” are offered at a special price of **\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.**

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.

SCRIP is now sold in the entryway of church. **Support St. Mary's IC School** by, also, 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 and Brown's Service Department are redeemable as part of the SCRIP program. Check for details at school office.

201 PEOPLE VISITED OUR WEBSITE THIS PAST

WEEK – Also, the website had 831 page views last week! If you have not used the site go to www.maryicjoseph.org

CONGRATULATIONS to the students of St. Mary IC School for a Christmas Music Recital, Wednesday evening, December 16, which was outstanding in variety entertainment and performance. A big “THANK YOU” goes to the teachers who teach and encourage these students of St. Mary IC School.

WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS? The KC’s are an organization of Catholic men and their families founded by Father Michael J. McGivney of New Haven, Connecticut to render financial aid to members and their families. They are a *fraternity* of men volunteering in numerous parish activities, a *charity* helping those with special needs, *unity* with our parish and the pope, and *patriotism* to our nation under God. Please consider joining and be a member of an active group of men by calling: Robert Kies 252-4030, Al Schlueter 252-1382, or Gerald Kennicker 252-1905.

M.A.S.S. “Men Actively Seeking Spirituality” – We are a group of Christian men, who discuss articles concerning: Pope Francis’s influences and challenges, marriage, sin, divorce, recent gospels and epistles from our Sunday’s homilies, current world events, children’s challenges, our own concerns, etc. Our meetings are located in the basement of the old St. Mary School in the Knights of Columbus meeting room. The meetings are held weekly on Tuesday nights, from 6:30-8:00 P.M., but not on the first week of the month due to a Knights of Columbus regular meeting. All Christian men and high school boys are encouraged to **give it a try**.

HUMOR • Q: What do you get when you cross a dyslexic, an insomniac, and an agnostic? **A:** Someone who lays awake at night wondering if there is a dog. **Q:** Why don’t blind people skydive? **A:** Because it really scares their dogs. **Q:** What did the green grape say to the purple grape? **A:** Oh My Gosh!!!!
BREATHE!! BREATHEEEEE!!!!