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**MASS SCHEDULE: JANUARY 11 - 17, 2016 A.D.**

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- Mon. Jan. 11 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Tues. Jan. 12 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Franciscan Sisters of N. Dakota
- Wed. Jan. 13 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg Grade School Mass  
Rosina Harber
- Thurs. Jan. 14 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center  
[Sacrament of Anointing during Mass] Xavier Class '65
- Fri. Jan. 15 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Jan. 16 **VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY IN TIME**  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Arnold & Elmer Fangmann  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - John Froehle
- Sun. Jan. 17 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
Donald & Carol Errthum/Nick & Carol Errthum  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - People of the Parish

**“THANK YOU”** to all the participants of the Knights of Columbus, **“Living Rosary.”** Mark your calendars for the next **“Living Rosary”** on January 30<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. The rosary will start 25 minutes before Mass and you can participate by reciting the prayer for the bead of the rosary you are holding.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** will be on January 31<sup>st</sup>, when **“The Make a Joyful Noise SMIC Youth Choir”** sings again.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** In memory of Butch Faust, in memory of John Froehle, in memory of Cyril Leliefeld, in memory of Dorothy & Francis Johnson, in memory of Bob Hartmann, in memory of Richard Goerd, in memory of Dan & Rose Leliefeld family, in memory of Irish & Shirley Degnan, in memory of the deceased of Tom & Helene Kuempel family and in memory of the deceased of Jim & Maggie Schlueter family.

**LIVING THE YEAR OF MERCY** - Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee **Year of Mercy** from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016.

**Mercy is** the forgiveness we receive from God, which we as followers of Jesus give to others. **Mercy is** also God’s kindness to us, and ours to others, caring about and caring for others: sharing, serving, even sacrificing oneself for the benefit of another. **Mercy is** blind, both that which we receive from God, and what we show to others: blind to the identity of the other, and to whether the other is deserving, or is aware of what is being done, or is grateful. All of that is irrelevant to whether God shows us mercy, and likewise to whether we show mercy to others. **Mercy is** free. There is no sense in which someone is owed mercy, as if out of justice. In fact, mercy trumps justice, giving more than is deserved, or requiring less in reparation. **Mercy is** the heart of the practice of our religion. It is the fulfillment of the law, prophets, and the teaching of Jesus. And it is the clearest indicator of whether or not we are true followers of Jesus. **God is mercy!**

**UPCOMING MOVIE** - On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the movie, **“WAR ROOM,”** will be presented in St. Mary’s Brinkmann Hall after the 10 o’clock Mass with a **FREE** luncheon and the movie starting approximately at 11:20. From the award-winning creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous* comes *War Room*, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

**ST. MARY’S SCRIPTURE STUDY** will consist of 13 lessons of **“Isaiah: Prophetic Book of the Old Testament.”** There will be 7 lessons starting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 9:15 A.M. and on Thursday, February 4, at 7 P.M. The final 6 lessons will start on Wednesday, September 21, and Thursday, September 22. The cost of the study material for the entire study session is \$15.00. For further information and to sign up, please contact Jerry Balk, 252-2361.

**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](mailto:eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**THE WITNESS** is our archdiocesan Catholic newspaper. 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.

**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](mailto: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.

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**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will not meet in January. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at noon, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Monona.

**HUMOR** - A guy is taking his girlfriend to the prom. He waits in the ticket line for a really long time but gets them. He goes to rent a limousine. The rental line is really long but he eventually does rents a limo. He goes to buy her flowers. The line at the florist is really long but eventually he gets the flowers. At prom, she asks him to go get punch. He goes to the refreshment table and there's no punchline.