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**MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 8 - 14, 2016 A.D.**

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Mon.	Aug. 8	[No Mass Scheduled]	“St. Dominic”
Tues.	Aug. 9	8:30 A.M.	Garnavillo Tower Living Center Melvin & Ruby Matt
Wed.	Aug. 10	8:30 A.M.	Guttenberg “St. Lawrence” Dec’d of Julius & Camilla Balk Family
Thur.	Aug. 11	8:30 A.M.	Guttenberg River Living Center “St. Clare” Ivanelle Stoeffler
Fri.,	Aug. 12	[No Mass Scheduled]	
Sat.	Aug. 13	<b>Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		4:00 P.M.	Garnavillo - Amy Hoeger
		5:30 P.M.	Guttenberg - William Saunders
Sun.	Aug. 14	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		8:30 A.M.	North Buena Vista - People of the Parish
		10:00 A.M.	Guttenberg - Robert Hartmann (Anniv.)

**THERE WILL BE NO COLLECTION** for Food Pantry at St. Olaf the first weekend of August. **Special collection** for Knights of Columbus “**Tootsie Roll**” campaign for disadvantaged in the area on the weekend of **August 20-21**.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR**

I will be on a 2-week vacation from Sunday afternoon July 31 to Friday, August 12 to the Grand Tetons and Rocky Boy Indian Reservation near Havre, Montana. The Chippewa Cree are celebrating their centennial as a reservation with a powwow - an Indian summer dance program. Deacon Pfaffly is joining me for an exciting spiritual vacation in the foot hills of Bear Paw Mountain. **In case of sickness or death please contact Fr. Richard Gaul 252-1942 or cell phone at 563-880-2898 who is gracious enough to cover our 3-linked parishes.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on *Wednesday*, August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**EVENT IN THE AREA**

**Sun., Aug. 7** - St. Joseph of Rickardsville “32nd Annual Country Barbeque” with live & silent auction. Barbeque begins at 11 A.M. Auction at 12 noon. Featuring BBQ pork sandwiches, paddle wheels, country store, bounce house, kiddie tractor pull (1 P.M.), tee-ball (11 A.M. & noon), golf (hole in one challenge).

**LIVING THE YEAR OF MERCY** - From Father Ron Rolheiser’s weekly column: **THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF MERCY**. What are they? 5). **“Remember that only the practice of mercy sets us free.”** Receiving and giving mercy is the only thing that frees from our congenital propensity to self-see, self-justify, and judge others. Nothing frees us more from the tyranny of ego than does the practice of mercy. (to be cont.)

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** – The court of St. Maria Goretti is pleased to announce the name’s of our new members into the the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. They are: Joan Sanders, Kris Sass( a member from St. Patrick’s of Monona), Kay Cherne, Beth Sadewasser and Lois Bries.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, Dubourg Assembly, **Annual Steak Fry**, will be on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. John’s Catholic Church, Peosta, Iowa, serving from 5–7:30 PM. Please make reservations with **Gerald Kennicker**, 252-1905, **Al Schlueter**, 252-1382, or **Jerry Peck**, 252-3003.

**ST. MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS**

**Preparing for the beginning of the 2016-17 School year** - Parents of students in grades K to grade 8 are invited to drop off completed forms and make tuition/lunch account payments on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. All forms need to be returned by the first day of school, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Open House and Taco Supper** will be on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

**BASIC ASSERTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE!** Carefully searching for the meaning intended by the original author helps us avoid imposing superficial understandings on biblical texts. Contemporary biblical scholarship can help us better understand biblical texts by exploring the cultural background and the mind of the community from which biblical writings came.

**FALL FESTIVAL NEWS**

The raffle tickets and work schedules for this year's festival are now out. If we missed you, please let Anna Moser know (252-3703).

Unfortunately, we are not able to accept home-baked items for the Festival dinner, but we are glad to have home-baked items such as pies for the Country Store.

**SCRIP INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE**

The following SCRIP will be for sale in the back of church for a discounted price. Arby's, Best Buy, Burger King, Children's Place, Payless Shoes, Shopko, Old Navy, American Eagle, Bath Body Works, Barnes & Noble, Foot Locker, and Sear's.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** – Now's the time to join the Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas. From its inception in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the America's has grown and developed into the largest organization of Catholic women. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, its members are united by her faith in Jesus Christ and their devotion to the Church and the Holy See. Our mission is to embrace the principals of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and advancement of human rights. Our Motto is Unity of Charity. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month. Women of the parish are encouraged to join and if interested, please call our regent Betty Evers at 252-1666.

**HUMOR; Lost in the translation** – I told my daughter that we were going to church to worship God. She asked me if we should take along a bar of soap to “wash up” Jesus.