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**MASS SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 24 - 30, 2016 A.D.**

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- Mon. Oct. 24 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Tues. Oct. 25 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Tommy & Annie Stroschein
- Wed. Oct. 26 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg - School Mass  
Beatrice Barron
- Thur. Oct. 27 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center  
Marguerite Berns
- Fri. Oct. 28 [No Mass Scheduled] "Ss. Simon & Jude"
- Sat. Oct. 29 **Vigil of Thirty-First Sunday in Time**  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Dec'd of Gerald Hoeger Family  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg
- Sun. Oct. 30 **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
Rita Hefel & Ann Hayes  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg – People of the Parish  
Lorraine Simon (Anniversary)

**Reminder of upcoming Holy Day of Obligation  
"Feast of All Saints"**

- Oct. 31 North Buena Vista – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 1 Guttenberg – 8:30 a.m. – School Mass**  
**Nov. 2 Garnavillo – 6:00 p.m. with elementary CCD**  
**(celebrating All Saints & All Souls feast)**

**BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR  
COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**

- Sat., Oct. 22 – St. Joseph of Garnavillo - after Mass**  
Maeve Josephine Mueller, daughter of Zach & Kate [Werges]  
Mueller
- Sun., Oct. 30 – Immaculate Conception of N. Buena Vista**  
(before Mass) Grace Eleanor Ploessl, daughter of Chuck Heidi  
[Zittergruen] Ploessl

**EVENTS IN THE AREA**

**Sun., Oct 23 "Buenie Prime Rib Dinner"** - RSVP by calling  
Pam Breitbach at 563-870-4605

**Sun., Nov. 6 at St. Mark's of Edgewood, Iowa****"PREPARING FOR THE END OF OUR JOURNEY"**

Presentations on navigating decisions for end of life issues,  
wake & funeral planning. 1:30—3:00 p.m. Please RSVP by  
noon, Fri., Nov. 4 by calling 563-928-7200 or by e-mail at  
stmarkspat2@gmail.com. A \$5 fee will be charged for packets.

**FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education) CLASSES**

continues for all students this Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Elementary and middle school classes will run from 6:00-7:15  
PM, followed by the high school classes which run from 7:15 –  
8:45 PM.

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER HELPING OUR PARISH?** Our

list of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Rosary  
leaders is getting shorter. Please consider giving of your time  
and volunteering for one of these jobs. Training will be  
provided. Contact Deacon Jim Pfaffly at 252-3553.

**UPCOMING MOVIE** - On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, the movie,  
"MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN," 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. The  
theme of the movie is that miracles are given by God under rare  
circumstances to show us He's there. We can't count on them,  
but they are pointers that show us there's more to the ultimate  
reality than what we can see. Jennifer Garner says making this  
movie has helped her own faith journey and led her back to  
church after her kids requested she take them.

**CEMETERY FLOWERS** – As the "fall" season comes into  
full swing with gusty winds, it is time to remove flowers and the  
like from the graves of your loved ones. Thank you, for your  
immediate attention to this seasonal matter in next two weeks.

## **May God Grant Us Grace to See the Beauty in Our Suffering!**

It's easy to speak theoretically about finding joy, peace, beauty or meaning in suffering. But when someone *has* suffered, has lived through what anyone would rightly call a nightmare, and who nonetheless speaks about what she gained, it's worth listening.

Ten years ago, Tracy Grant's husband died of terminal brain cancer. And for the seven months from his diagnosis to his death, she was the person who cared for him, he needed her help just to go to the bathroom.

Grant describes it as the time she discovered the reason she was put on this earth. She came to realize that nothing else she did in life would ever matter more. She found that if she was willing to look hard enough, she could find moments of joy and beauty in every day. "With each day, my heart and soul grew more open to seeing this beauty than at any other time in my life."

During nights when sleep didn't come, she started praying the Rosary. Soon she was praying it daily and came to miss her rosary beads if they weren't within reach. **"Even during the moments when I was most angry with God I found that I could talk to Mary on the theory that she knew a little bit about being challenged by God."**

Grant tries to be like the person she was during those seven months by being less judgmental, more patient and forgiving, and more grateful for what she calls the small moments in life.

**MONTH OF OCTOBER** is designated as **"Respect for Life"** month. There will be a bassinette in front of the Blessed Virgin's side altar for items you would like to contribute. These items will be distributed to Clarity Clinic and Birthright in Dubuque. Also, families are encouraged to say the rosary together each day for the end of abortions in the United States of America. The family that **"prays together, stays together."**

**HUMOR; Your Choice** – How will you enter eternity; smoking or nonsmoking?