
MASS SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 21 – 21, 2016 A.D.

- Mon. Nov. 21 [No Mass Scheduled]
“Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary”
- Tues. Nov. 22 8:30 A.M. - Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Vocations to Women’s Religious Life
- Wed. Nov. 23 Eve of Thanksgiving**
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo with Fr. Koopman
Mary Koopman
7:00 P.M. North Buena Vista with Fr. Bries
Jeff Riniker
- Thur. Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING DAY**
9:00 A.M. Guttenberg with Fr. Bries
Vernon Cherne (C. D. of A.)
- Fri. Nov. 25 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Nov. 26 Vigil of First Sunday of Advent**
[Confessions before Mass at Garnavillo]
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Dec’d of Lawrence Felder Fam.
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Carol Schlueter
[Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg]
- Sun. Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent**
[Confessions before Mass at N. Buena Vista]
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista - People of Parish
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Richard Goerd
[Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg]

BAPTISM INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD & OUR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH - Sun., Nov. 20 – St. Mary of Guttenberg – after Mass Bennett Nicholas Meyer, son of Nicholas & Amanda [Rohner] Meyer

REMINDER - Internal Revenue Service requires all contributions to your parish church must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2016 to receive charitable credit for the year 2016.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be on *Wed.*, Nov. 30th at 7:30 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education) CLASSES on Wednesday, Nov. 23th. Have a great Thanksgiving Vacation. We will **resume** classes on Wednesday, November 30.

WHAT IS THE STUDY OF THE “ACTS OF THE APOSTLES?” The church begins to expand beyond Jerusalem with the apostles spreading the good news of the gospel, the conversion of Paul, the inauguration of the Gentile mission, and the apostles Mission to the ends of the earth. **What do these Biblical stories mean to us in today’s world?** More information to follow, but do consider our Scripture Study on February 22, 2017.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS December meeting will be held at St. Mary’s on Dec. 6th at 12:00 Noon, in Brinkmann Hall in Guttenberg. Please remember to bring your **Gift for Giving** for struggling families to be delivered this month. Also, bring items for our silent auction for our Christmas December party.

GRANDPARENTS’ GRACES: A MINISTRY OF FAITH AND LOVE! Whenever my husband and I snatch a chunk of time to play with our three grandchildren, little miracles seem to occur. My achy knee suddenly feels spry, and my worries of the day evaporate ... even for hours afterwards. I’m convinced it’s a “God thing.” I believe that God graced me with grandchildren for a reason. Most especially, I feel called to actively love them and gently augment faith matters with them. I heartily believe that weaving in touches of Catholic enrichment during unhurried time with grandchildren (no matter the age!) can strengthen their faith in a very special way. Whether reading Bible stories, enjoying nature in a park, teaching a favorite prayer or stopping by a church for a quick visit, these sorts of simple activities can enhance a child’s spiritual formation in a pleasant yet impactful way, with the influence rippling well into the future. While parents are certainly the primary influence on children, I believe that grandparents can be an impressive secondary influence.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - Clayton Ridge high school students' concert is Sunday, December 11, 7 PM. **St. Mary IC School** students' concert is Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 PM. Concerts are at St. Mary's Church.

PLEASE HELP! 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 if you are willing to volunteer.

SUPPORT ST. MARY'S IC SCHOOL for your everyday needs by purchasing **SCRIP** after the weekend Mass, at Fidelity Bank and Peoples State Bank. 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.

M.A.S.S. "Men Actively Seeking Spirituality:" We, as a group of Christian men, 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 – A guy goes ice fishing for the very first time. All of a sudden, he hears a voice. "There are no fish under the ice!" He ignores it and moves to another area, cuts a hole, and tosses his line in. Again, he hears the booming voice: "There are no fish under the ice!" He nervously looks up and asks, "Lord? Is that you?"

"No, this is the rink manager!"