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**MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 5 - 11, 2016 A.D.**

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Mon. Dec. 5 [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues. Dec. 6 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Melvin & Ruby Matt

**Wed. Dec. 7 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center**  
Dec'd priests of Archdiocese of Dubuque

**Thurs. Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation**  
**FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**8:30 A.M. Guttenberg School Mass**  
People of the Parish

Fri. Dec. 9 [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat. Dec. 10 Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent**  
[Confessions before Mass at Garnavillo]  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Loren Mohning  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Irene & Urban Jaeger/  
Albert & Lottie Petsche  
[Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg]

**Sun. Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent**  
[Confessions before Mass at N. Buena Vista]  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
Walter Boge & Althea Bauer  
Lawrence 'Pete' Ludovissy [1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.]  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg People of the Parish  
[Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg]

**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.

**CHRISTMAS 2016 IS ON A WEEKEND THIS YEAR**

**Sat. Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00 P.M. Guttenberg – Children's Mass – Fr. Bries  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo – Children's Mass  
Fr. Koopman  
6:00 P.M. Guttenberg – Adult Choir with cantata 5:30  
Fr. Koopman  
6:00 P.M. N. Buena Vista – Children's Mass – Fr. Bries  
**Sun. Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9:00 A.M. Guttenberg

**EVENTS IN THE AREA**

**Sun. Dec. 4 "Buenie Soup Luncheon" after Mass until 1 p.m. with Vendor Show** featuring Tupperware, Avon Thirty-one, Gold Canyon, Usborne Books, Norwex, Signatu re Homestyles, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Brianna's Blocks, Hodge Podge & Screens by Jayne. Bring the kids to see Santa Claus and finish your Christmas Shopping.

**Sun. Dec. 11 - Clayton Ridge High School Christmas concert at St. Mary Church at 7 p.m.**

**Wed. Dec. 14 – St. Mary/Immaculate Conception School Christmas concert at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary Church**

**FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education) CLASSES**

continues for all students this Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Elem. 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.

**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.

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** December meeting will be held at St. May's on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**THE TOPIC FOR THE “CD the Month”** is: **“THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE.”** Matt Maher, Christian songwriter and singer, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey. He emphasizes the importance of forming relationships with others in order to be effective witnesses of the Gospel. All CD's presently on sale for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on *Wednesday*, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

**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!

**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.

**HUMOR; How to Shock a Time Traveler** - If someone from the 1950s suddenly appeared, what would be the most difficult thing to explain about life today? One answer: “I possess a device in my pocket that is capable of accessing the entirety of information known to man. I use it to look at pictures of cats and get into arguments with strangers.”