
MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 12 - 18, 2016 A.D.

- Mon. Dec. 12 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Tues. Dec. 13 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center
Vocations for Women's Religious Life
- Wed. Dec. 14 NO MASS DUE TO SMIC CONCERT**
- Thurs. Dec. 15 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center
Marguerite Berns
- Fri. Dec. 16 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Dec. 17 Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent**
[Confessions before Mass at Garnavillo]
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - People of the Parish
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - Robert Hartmann
[Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg]
- Sun. Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
[Confessions before Mass at North Buena Vista]
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista
Clarence Ludovissy & Kathy Ludovissy
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg
Carol [Frommelt] Schlueter/Donald & JoAnn Wille
50th Wedding Anniversary Larry & Jo Marie Thein
[Confessions after Mass at Guttenberg]

CHRISTMAS 2016

- Sat. Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**
- 4:00 P.M. Guttenberg – Children's Mass – Fr. Bries**
People of the Parish
- 4:00 P.M. Garnavillo – Children's Mass – Fr. Koopman**
Darwin Moses & Terry Schmidt
- 6:00 P.M. Guttenberg – Adult Choir 5:45 Fr. Koopman**
Cliff & Jan Frommelt
- 6:00 P.M. N. Buena Vista – Children's Mass – Fr. Bries**
- Sun. Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 9:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Adult Choir 9:45 – Fr. Bries**
Fritz/Rosemary/John/Joe Kann

EVENTS IN THE AREA

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 take a break for the holidays. Classes for elementary and middle school grades resume on January 18th. The high school classes resume on January 25th.

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.

WHAT IS THE STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE

APOSTLES? This is the beginning of the church after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the apostles in seclusion, the Holy Spirit descending upon them, Pentecost, replacement of Judas the apostle, and the mission in Jerusalem. This continues with Peter's sermons, Peter and John before the Sanhedrin, sharing possessions, Deacons for the Hellenists, and the death of Deacon Stephen. More information to follow, but do consider our Scripture Study on February 22, 2017.

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.

TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT

Spiritual health lies in honesty and transparency and so we **live in the light** when we are willing to lay every part of our lives open to examination by those who need to trust us.

- **To live in the light** is to be able always to tell our loves ones where we are and what we are doing.
- **To live in the light** is not have to worry if someone traces what websites we have visited.
- **To live in the light** is to not be anxious if someone in the family finds our files unlocked.
- **To live in the light** is to be able to let those we live with listen to what's inside our cell-phones, see what's inside our emails, and know who's on our speed-dial.
- **To live in the light** is to have a confessor and to be able to tell that person what we struggle with, without having to hide anything.
- **To live in the light** is to live in such a way that, for those who know us, our lives are an open book.

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!

THE TOPIC FOR THE “CD the Month” IS “WHO AM I TO JUDGE?” Dr. Edward Sri clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgements. All CD's presently on sale for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

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 - Q: What do you get when you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad? **A:** A pineapple.