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**MASS SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2-8, 2017 A.D.**

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Mon. Jan. 2 [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues. Jan. 3 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
[Sacrament of Anointing during Mass]  
Vocations for Women's Religious Life

Wed. Jan. 4 8:30 A.M. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Mass  
[Presentation of Bell of St. Mary & Spirit of St. Mary Awards]  
[Sacrament of Anointing after Mass]  
Beatrice Barron

Thurs. Jan. 5 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center  
[Sacrament of Anointing] Marguerite Berns

Fri. Jan. 6 [No Mass Scheduled]

**Sat. Jan. 7 VIGIL OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo  
[Sacrament of Anointing before & after Mass]  
Dec'd of Lawrence Felder Family  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg People of the Parish  
[Sacrament of Anointing after Mass]

**Sun. Jan. 8 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
[End of Christmas season]  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
[Sacrament of Anointing before & after Mass]  
Clarence Ludovissy & Kathy Ludovissy  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg  
[Sacrament of Anointing after Mass]  
Vernon/Albert/Bernadette Cherne

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR**

Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. May God bless you in your generosity to His priest.

**THE TOPIC FOR THE CD OF THE MONTH IS "WHO AM I TO JUDGE?"** Dr. Edward Sri clarifies what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments. All CD's presently on sale for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

**WHAT IS THE STUDY OF THE "Acts of the Apostles?"**

Inferential evidence suggests the "Book of Acts" was also written as an apologetic defense for the apostolic mission of Paul. As one of his traveling companions (16:10), Luke knew as well as anyone that rival missionaries were busily trying to discredit Paul and undermine his authority to preach the gospel (2Cor. 11:4-6; 12:11; Gal. 6:12). We learn from Paul's epistles that propaganda from these missionaries had damaging effects on some of the Churches he had established on his travels (especially in Galatia and Corinth). For skeptical opponents, it was Paul's unique status that called his apostleship into question: he was not one of the original Twelve; he had played no part in the founding of the Church, and at one time he had been a sworn enemy of the Faith. More info to follow, but do consider joining our Scripture Study starting on February 22 & 23, 2017, or contact Jerry Balk at 252-2361.

**UPCOMING MOVIE** - On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, the movie, "**CROWN FOR CHRISTMAS**," 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 movie is not the run-of-the-mill Christmas movie. It is far better and more beguiling than that. The synopsis at first sounds pedestrian, but the writing is far above the commonplace. It is an endearing story of a neglected little girl, a preoccupied single parent, and a remarkable young woman, Allie, who brings fresh air to their relationship. Allie will be minding a mischievous 10-year-old princess, Theodora, a terror of a child who delights in torturing authority figures with rudeness and pranks. Allie, used to raising unruly hellions (like her siblings), doesn't go about trying to scold or mold Theodora - or "Teddy" - into a prim and proper princess.

The next **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** will be on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, when "**The Make a Joyful Noise SMIC Youth Choir**" sings again for **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**.

## **REJOICE IN HIS COMING!**

The great paradox of the birth of Jesus is that a powerful savior could be found in so vulnerable a condition as a newborn baby in a makeshift cradle. Our hearts are easily moved by the image of a baby, but we may overlook the great power that was mysteriously present in Jesus from the very first. The Incarnate Word was a formidable adversary of all that would burden and enslave us. The same might that created the universe out of chaos now arrived to create the world anew and redeem us from the grip of sin and death.

We have walked in darkness, and we have seen a great light. Let us rejoice today that we have so powerful a savior who continues to smash all the forces that oppress us.

*Lord, we rejoice in your coming. Set us free!* By Mark Neilsen

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-11:30 AM, at St. Mary Church in Brinkmann Hall, Guttenberg. They will be serving biscuits and gravy, smoked sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit, rolls and drinks. Carry-outs will be available. This is a 'free will' offering (\$7.50 suggested). Please come and enjoy breakfast with them.

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**HUMOR Q:** What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

**A:** It's Christmas, Eve!

**All I wanted for Christmas:** This past Christmas, I told my girlfriend that all I wanted was an Xbox. That's it. Beginning and end of list: Xbox. You know what she got me? A homemade frame with a picture of us from our first date together. Which was fine. Because I got her an Xbox.