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**MASS SCHEDULE: JANUARY 9-15, 2017 A.D.**

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- Mon. Jan. 9 [No Mass Scheduled] "Baptism of the Lord"
- Tues. Jan. 10 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Angie Berns
- Wed. Jan. 11 8:30 A.M. Grade School Mass  
Julius & Camilla Balk Family
- Thurs. Jan. 12 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg River Living Center  
[Sacrament of Anointing] Marguerite Berns
- Fri. Jan. 13 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Jan. 14 VIGIL OF 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN TIME**  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Marvn Vaske [1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.]  
Marie Anna [Langel] Berns  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg People of the Parish
- Sun. Jan. 15 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
Edward Hefel & Richard Hefel  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Vernon Cherne

**POINSETTA DONATIONS**

Carol Ryan & family; Lois Goerdts & family; Don & Janice Rohner & family; in memory of 'Butch'; in memory of John Froehle; Tom & Helene Kuempel donated in memory of the Kuempel family; LuAnn Hess donated in memory of the Ruden/Hess families; and John & Carol Hartmann donated in memory of Leonard & Editha Hartmann. May God bless you all in your generous donations for Christmas flowers.

**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.

**THE NEXT Knights of Columbus Breakfast** will be on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, when "The Make a Joyful Noise SMIC Youth Choir" sings again for **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**.

**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 (2 Cor. 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.

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**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.

**12 Prayers to Help You Receive All the Gifts God Has for You** - "Lord, get me out of the driver's seat even if you have to pry my hands off the steering wheel..." Patti Armstrong

Imagine meeting God on the other side of eternity and discovering that he had untold blessings to give you and a myriad of places to take you to but you had closed the door on all of it? Here are 12 prayers for help us receive all God's gifts to us. (1) Dear Lord, please use me to accomplish the maximum amount of good that you have created me for. I don't want to just get by but rather to be carried on eagle's wings. (2) Jesus, help me to get over myself and remember to offer up even low-level suffering. "If your suffering is all about you, then nothing beyond you is accomplished; lives aren't changed," Jeff Cavins from his book: **"When You Suffer: Biblical Keys for Hope and Understanding."** (3) Take away my fear. Give me the strength to pray as you did, for the Father's will rather than for my will to be done. (4) Kill my pride, please. Completely. Don't let me get in your way. Help me to be humble so I don't humiliate myself. (To be continued next week.)

**FAITH FORMATION RESUMES** for elementary and middle school students on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. High school students will resume classes on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 PM. Please be prompt so we can start on time.

**HUMOR - Tidbits from the Press** • "Now hiring," read the classified ad. "Cemetery superintendent. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment."

• Stolen Prosthetic Arm Discovered in a Secondhand Shop.