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**MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 14 - 20, 2017 A.D.**

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- Mon. Aug. 14 **VIGIL: FEAST OF ASSUMPTION BVM**  
[Holy Day of Obligation]  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - People of Parish
- Tues. Aug. 15 **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION BVM**  
[Holy Day of Obligation]  
8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Center - John Noga
- Wed. Aug. 16 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Thurs. Aug. 17 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center  
Anna Mae Barry
- Fri. Aug. 18 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Aug. 19 **VIGIL OF TWENTIETH SUNDAY**  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Anita Schmelzer/Tony Schmelzer  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - People of the Parish
- Sun. Aug. 20 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN TIME**  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Catherine 'Kate' Moser -  
celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**REGISTRATION FOR ST. MARY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL** – The 2017-2018 school year registration for grades Preschool to grade 8 need to be turned in to the school by Wed, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Open House will be Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM -1:00 PM.

**AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE** is now our provider of CD's of **Spiritual Topics**. These CD's are available in the entryway of St. Mary's Church. All CD's are available at \$3.00 each or 3/\$5.00.

**BENDER'S FOOD'S COOKOUT** – "St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Group" will be serving brats and burgers at Bender's Foods Cookout Stand on Friday and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-6. *Please come and support their efforts!*

**SLOW TO ANGER**, "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity....Psalm 86:15." When we encounter people or situations that cause us to become irritated or angry, it is wise to follow the age-old advice to count to ten before we speak or react. Anger produces a sudden rush of adrenaline that flows into our system, urging us to retaliate immediately. It can cause us to speak or act in a way that later we may regret. This brief ten-count interval enables us to give a more appropriate response. The psalmist says that God is "slow to anger," which is most fortunate for us. Since God abounds in mercy and kindness in the treatment of each of us, we should be willing to extend the same merciful courtesy to others. In the morning I often think of the agenda for the day and try to envision where I might face some irritations. Then I prayerfully resolve to face these situations with a renewed effort to be patient and slow to anger. *O merciful Lord, teach us patience and mercy. By James McKarns*

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS** on the table in the back of Church.

**BASIC ASSERTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE!** *The Bible is read* not only for information, but more importantly, *to experience the living presence of God*. Thus, studying the Bible helps us to grow in faith and deepens our relationship with God.

**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**.

**YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THIS CHURCH BULLETIN FROM THE INTERNET** by opening your web browser, then typing in *maryicjoseph.org*, and then clicking on *St. Mary's* tab, and then select the option *Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Schedules*. Now, click on the bulletin you wish to view.

**PIERCING THE DARKNESS, “You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place....2 Peter 1:19.”** A friend shared with me that she had never known what it was like to be in total darkness until she and her entire neighborhood lost power as the result of a hurricane. Finding her way at night in the house she had grown up in became frightening. In the blackout, once easily navigable streets were now unfamiliar terrain. As my friend's eyes adjusted to this new reality, she became deeply aware of and grateful for the flickering glow of candlelight or the soft natural light of a full moon. Clearly, light transforms all that's around us. A lamp shining in a dark place can be a friend who sits with us when we're bereft; a neighbor stopping by to check on someone frail or lonely; and most certainly the transformative message of the gospels, illuminating our worldview and our way forward, if only we're aware and attentive. *By Sr. Chris Koelhoeffer, I.H.M.*

**FREE DIABETES CLASSES** - If you are a Medicare beneficiary living with diabetes or if you know someone living with diabetes, you don't want to miss this opportunity. Telligen, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Iowa, is offering diabetes self-management education classes at no cost. For more information, contact Billee Jo Hefel, Eagle Ridge Independent & Assisted Living at 563-252-2141. Sign up now to make small changes for big rewards!

**HUMOR** - Senior citizens have taken to texting with gusto. They even have their own vocabulary:

- BFF: Best Friend Fainted
- BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
- LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out
- GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!