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**MASS SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 16 - 22, 2017 A.D.**

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- Mon. Oct. 16 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Tues. Oct. 17 8:30 A.M. Garnavillo Tower Living Center  
Louis Matt III
- Wed. Oct. 18 8:30 A.M. Guttenberg 3<sup>rd</sup> 4th School Mass**  
Mary & Frank Zalaznik Fam.
- Thurs. Oct. 19 10:00 A.M. Guttenberg Care Center  
Anna Mae Barry
- Fri. Oct. 20 [No Mass Scheduled]
- Sat. Oct. 21 VIGIL OF TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**  
4:00 P.M. Garnavillo - Karen & Clifford Hickey  
5:30 P.M. Guttenberg - People of the Parish
- Sun. Oct. 22 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN TIME**  
8:30 A.M. North Buena Vista  
Charles Hefel & Kathy Ludovissy  
10:00 A.M. Guttenberg - Arnold & Regina Bries

**EVENTS IN THE AREA**

**Sun. Oct. 22 Buenie "Prime Rib" Dinner. For reservations call 563-870-4605**

**AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE** is now our provider of CD's of **Spiritual Topics**. A variety of topics have been added this week. 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.

**FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES** every Sunday for grades 2-10, starting with mass at 10:00 AM and it will run until 12:00 PM. Students attending a different mass need to summarize the homily in the mass they attended and be ready for class at 10:45 A.M. Juniors and Seniors have monthly classes from 8 AM – noon, **usually** on the first Sunday of the month. Classes will be Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 15, and May 6. If you have questions call Deacon Jim Pfaffly at 563-252-3553.

**OCTOBER, RESPECT LIFE MONTH** - In honor of Respect Life month, beginning October 1, 2017, the Stewardship Committee will again be taking donations for Birthright and Clarity Clinic in Dubuque, Iowa. We will be accepting new or gently used baby clothing, infant supplies, or monetary donations. There is a crib set up on Mary's (left) side of altar for drop off of items. **"As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other."** Pope Francis

**SUNDAY MORNING SADNESS, "Everything is ready; come to the feast...Matthew 22:4."** I find Sunday mornings in church to be joyful. We gather and celebrate the riches that God shares with us. As the prophet Isaiah said, "The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine, the best of meats and the finest of wines." At the Lord's Supper, we share the over-flowing bounty of God's blessings. But I also find Sundays to be sad. When I look around at the many people in society who seem to go about their lives with little thought of God, I feel sad. What a loss it is, for them and for us. God is holding a joyous wedding banquet and invites all. "But they refused to come," as noted in the parable. I have no solution for this. It just makes me feel sad. I think it must make God feel sad too. *By Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti*

**IOWA 99 COUNTY BIBLE READING MARATHON**

Members of St. Mary's Parish will be participating in the reading of the "Books of the Bible" with other denominations on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3 – 6 P.M. at the Ingleside Park in Guttenberg. Please come and listen to the **"inspired word of God."** You need to bring your **Bible** to follow along and a **lawn chair**.

**PRAY THE ROSARY – ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR** which is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniv. of when the Blessed Virgin appeared to three Portuguese children at Fatima. Our Lady has asked us to pray the Rosary for peace, for the Church, for clergy, and as a refuge for those seeking relief. It is a powerful weapon against evil.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE COOKING**

**BREAKFAST** on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-11:30 AM, at St. Mary Church in Brinkmann Hall, Guttenberg. They will be serving pancakes, 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.

## **THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

will be on November 16-18, 2017 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Our three linked parishes have eight high students and two adult chaperons who will join with thousands of other high school students to pray, learn, and grow in their faith. In addition to opportunities to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and penance, NCYC participants attend general and breakout sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world, visit with organizations that provide resources and other support to youth and youth ministry, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and engage in service to others.

**WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?** The KC's are an organization of Catholic men and their families founded by Father Michael J. McGivney of New Haven, Connecticut to render financial aid to members and their families. They are a *fraternity* of men volunteering in numerous parish activities, a *charity* helping those with special needs, *unity* with our parish and the pope, and *patriotism* to our nation under God. Please consider joining and be a member of an active group of men by calling: Robert Kies 252-4030, Al Schlueter 252-1382, or Gerald Kennicker 252-1905.

## **CONFIRMATION IS SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7,**

**2018** during 10:00 A.M. Mass at Guttenberg for our linked parishes with Archbishop Jackels.

**HUMOR** - While I was out to lunch, my coworker answered my phone and told the caller that I would be back in 20 minutes.

The woman asked, "Is that 20 minutes Central Standard Time?"